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2026 ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OF
THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, INC.
DECEMBER 5, 2026
ZOOM MEETING

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Members contribute to the success of a meeting when they:
1. Come to order at once when the President opens the meeting.
2. Give thoughtful attention throughout the business meeting and the program.
3. Rise to address the chair and wait to speak until recognized by the chair.
4. Sit down at once when someone else has been given the floor.
5. Rise to make a motion but remain seated in small assemblies when seconding the motion.
6. Write a long or involved motion and give to the assistant, when asked to do so.
7. Rise when a rising vote is requested and remain standing until the vote is taken.
8. Vote on every question.

9. Limit their remarks to their rightful share of the time of the meeting and do not infringe upon the right of others. The floor should be given to one who has not spoken on the question, in preference to one who has spoken, if there is any question as to precedence.
10. Rise to make reports, remain seated during the discussion of the report.
11. Refrain from conversation during the meeting.
12. The courtesy of the floor may be granted to one who is not a member when it is desired to have such one speak during a business session.

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2025 American Brittany Club Board of Directors Meeting
Booneville, Arkansas 11-23-2025

The meeting was held in Booneville at the Jeral Hampton Meeting place. The meeting was called to order at 8:02am. It was slow to start as we were waiting on the projector from the field trial grounds.

First order of business was the results for the director's election.
West Coast-Bob West
Midwest- John Perry
Central-Ed. Janulis
East Central-Paul Renius
East Coast-Linda McCartney

Since the resignation of Burton Wice there has been an opening on the board. Ed Janulis, who won the election with over 33% of the vote, was seated at the start of the meeting to fill the seat.

Roll call was done, the following directors and other committee members were either present on zoom or in the room: Linda McCartney, Phillip Thayer, Darlene Dow, Vince Anderson, Ron Gulembo, Robin Tomasi, Steve Cosgriff, Bret Lindback, Matt Wedele, Shawn Macleod, Jim Stevens, Bruce Heiter, Helen Riggle, Ed Janulis, Leslee Masolotte.

Other people on the zoom were: Julio Rodriguez to talk about the website, Jacqui Campbell talking about Membership, Doug Tighe to talk about finance, Tim Smith to also talk about finance.

First order of business was to accept the 2024 Board of Directors meeting minutes as written.
Motion #1 Darlene Dow seconded by Matt Wedele- I make the motion to accept the 2024 Board of Directors meeting minutes.

Motion unanimously passed by the BOD

Discussion was held that the next quarterly meeting would be held March 10,2026 at 7:00pm CST.

President spoke first about looking for people to help with committees and to welcome those who have taken over committees.

Positions filled. Please take the time to welcome them into their new positions.
Finance Chair: Doug Tighe
Book of the American Brittany: Dawn Droel
Policy Book: Shawn Macleod
National Grounds: Scott Johnson
Statistics: Harlene Hoyt-Johnson
Judges Mentors: Sara Taylor

2026 Nomination Committee
Chair: Darlene Dow
EC: Jim Stevens
C: Bruce Heiter
MW: Leslee Masolotte
W: Steve Cosgriff
There was a brief discussion on finding board members or officers willing to go to IL. and clean out Mary Jo Trimble's storage unit. A couple of people have volunteered and will look for a date to make this possible.

There was discussion by the 2nd VP to start using the cards to notify members of their membership getting ready to expire. Talk about the second VP to be able to start her own committee to help with the work. The discussion was also about the continued work of merging the 3 membership databases. Also, about the problem of the membership checks being recorded and deposited correctly.

The 3rd VP came on to discuss the summer specialty which will be in Colorado hosted by Skyline Brittany Club. Also, a recap of what happened at the NSS.

Theresa Richmond, the 4th VP, spoke about the dates of the Field Trial events and the possibility of the event chairs talking about how the dates work. Looking for a way to make it easier for amateurs to attend the events they qualify for while using their vacation days. Letting people know the dates at least a year in advance to allow people to plan better.

The finance committee will continue with the discussion of which is better for the club, a 501(c)(3) or a 501(c)(7). The committee will discuss this more and a meeting will be held in January.

Next was the statisticians with her report and action items.

MOTION #2 made by Robin Tomasi seconded by Darlene Dow: I make a motion to accept Harlene's first motion in the agenda book.

YES: Linda McCartney, Darlene Dow, Phillip Thayer, Vince Anderson, Ron Gulembo, Robin Tomasi, Steve Cosgriff, Bret Lindback, Matt Wedele, Jim Stevens, Helen Riggle, Shawn Macleod, Bruce Heiter, Leslee Masolotte, Ed Janulis,

Unanimous pass

The motion from the stratification

ABC Statistician's and Statistics Committee Duties – Page 171 of policy book. The following updates should be made

#6: List of Qualifying Dogs for the National Open & Amateur All Age, the National Open & Amateur Gun Dog Championships and send to National Event Secretaries…. I am happy to do

this as it is part of the statistician responsibilities moving forward. I've created a process of recording this information as I receive event reports and will provide the information to the National Secretaries, ABC website and ABC magazine. Due dates for publication may be established upon agreed time frame.

#7: The last sentence – I propose to say; The event results are due to the ABC Statistician postmarked or electronically submitted within 10 days from the end of the event.

#8: Late event reports within time frame specified by policy. The Penalty should be enforced as written in the policy.

#9: The Statistician will notify the Executive Secretary of payments in arrears in order that approvals for future events are withheld until paid. I suggest that this also be enforced as written in the policy.

#11 – Change to read: The Statistician will record and deposit all event fees to the ABC bank account. All Transactions will be reported to the Treasurer and Executive Secretary.

Another motion the statistician made was an increase in her salary from $200.00 to $600.00 per month.

MOTION #3 was by Darlene Dow seconded by Matt Wedele: Motion to discuss this is executive session.

Unanimous Yes to discuss under executive session

MOTION #4 Darlene Dow seconded by Bruce Heiter- I make a motion to change the wording on AKC for the breeder's health check page from recommended to optional. Right now, AKC is using the word recommended as "mandatory".

Discussion started and another motion was made.

MOTON #5 Motion by Vince Anderson seconded by Leslee Massollotte: I make a Motion to postpone this indefinity.

Unanimously passed by the BOD

The east coast director brought up starting to have Parent club approval forms for all ABC events. This would allow events to be tracked so the club can keep track of all the events held by regional and the parent club.
MOTION #6 Motion by Linda McCartney seconded by Helen Riggle: I make a motion to implement an ABC PCA form for all events to start January 1, 2027.

MOTION #7 Motion by Darlene Dow seconded by Robin Tomasi: I make a motion to postpone this indefinitely.

Unanimously passed by the full BOD

MOTION #8 Motion by Helen Riggle seconded by Linda McCartney: I make a motion to form a committee to bring the specialty shows in line with the field trials to keep the statistics and record keeping accurate going forward. This is to include independent, designated and concurrent specialties through all regions

Unanimously passed by the BOD

Lunch break at 12:30

MOTION #9 Motion by Darlene Dow seconded by Matt Wedele: I make a motion to appoint Shawn Macloed to the position of Midwest finance liaison.

Unanimously passed by the ABC BOD

The report from the Breed Standard Committee was read and the following motion was made.

MOTION #10 Motion by Darlene Dow seconded by Matt Wedele: Motion to wait for the breed standard committee to bring forward the information and recommendations from the committee and members on the ramp for the march meeting.

Unanimously passed by the ABC BOD

Next on the agenda was the futurity report. And the results and clubs that hosted the 2025 events.

MOTION #11 Motion by Leslee Masolotte seconded by Shawn Macloed: I make a motion that the futurity secretary/treasurer and ABC treasurer consider and develop an online payment plan to allow credit card payments for futurity litter nominations and final forfeits.

Unanimously passed by the ABC BOD

Next was the report for the Midwest region with motions from the director

MOTION #12 Motion by Shawn Macleod seconded by Darlene Dow: I make a motion to form a committee to look into the cost of the magazine and any alternatives.

Unanimously passed by the ABC BOD

MOTION #13 Motion by Matt Wedele seconded by Leslee Masolotte: I make a motion to investigate the setting of term limits for officers and directors serving on the American Brittany Club.

Unanimously passed by the ABC BOD

MOTION #14 Motion by Shawn Mcloeud seconded by Bret Lindback: I make a motion for the president to form a committee to check into the usability of the new ABC website.

Unanimously passed by the ABC BOD

The Board asked to go in executive session

Motion #15 Motion by Shawn Macleod seconded by Bret Lindback: I make a motion to enter executive session.

Unanimously passed by the BOD Board of Directors entered executive session at 3:17pm

Motion #16 Motion by Darlene Dow seconded by Matt Wedele: I make a motion to end executive session Unanimously passed by the BOD Board of directors exit executive session at 3:39pm

MOTION #17 Motion by Shawn Macleod seconded by Bret Lindback: I make a motion for the appointment of an independent review board. Independent of the officers and directors on the board. For the review of the conduct of the 2025 nomination committee and the election.

YES: Darlene Dow, Ron Gulembo, Bret Lindback, Matt Wedele, Shawn Macleod, Bruce Heiter.

NO: Phillip Thayer, Vince Anderson, Steve Cosgriff, Helen Riggle, Jim Stevens, Ed Janulis, Linda McCartney

Abstain: Robin Tomasi, Leslee Masolotte

MOTION #18 Motion by Robin Tomasi seconded by Darlene Dow I make a motion that the interpreted by laws were honored for the 2025 election.

In the 2025 ABC BOD election after consulting with AKC legal dept. We proceed in a way that honored both the bylaws intent and Roberts rules of order's general elections rules. We moved forward with 1 candidate on the ballot in the Eastern and East Central Region.

YES: Darlene Dow, Linda McCartney, Phillip Thayer, Bret Lindback, Vince Anderson, Ron Gulembo, Matt Wedele, Helen Riggle, Robin Tomasi, Steve Cosgriff, Jim Stevens, Shaen Macleod, Bruce Heiter

NO: Ed Janulis

MOTION #19 Motion by Leslee Masolotte seconded by Helen Riggle: I make a motion to establish a committee to maintain a list of our Brittany members who have recently passed away.

Unanimously passed by BOD

There was a long discussion on dates overlapping in regions for field trials. This concerns some regions that are struggling with entries. Date coordinators need to pay attention to field trials close together even if not in the same region.

MOTION #20 Motion by Steve Cosgriff seconded by Helen Riggle: I make a motion to change the current qualifications for the nationals to the qualifications 1-8 listed in red

Current Qualifications for National Amateur All Age Stake

1. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over which in any preceding year placed first in the National Amateur All Age Championship for Brittanys or;
2. which in the preceding year placed second, third or fourth in the National Amateur All Age Championship for Brittanys, or;
3. which during the period from previous year's close of entries and the close of entries for the stake in the current year has placed in an Amateur All Age or Amateur Limited All Age stake or placed in an All Age or Limited All Age Stake, when handled by an Amateur, in the following (or more) dogs started: 1st place with 13 starters, 2nd place with 15 starters, 3rd place with 17 starters, or 4th place with 20 starters, or;
4. has placed in any hour All Age or Limited All Age Stake in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club and handled by an Amateur in which 13 or more dogs started, or;
5. has qualified for the current year National Open All Age Championship for Brittanys when handled by an Amateur, or;
6. A dog winning first place in the National Open All Age Championship when handled by an Amateur will also be qualified for life in the National Amateur All Age Championship.
7. or has qualified in a preceding year and during the period from the previous year's close of entries to the current year closing of entries has a placement in an All Age or Limited All Age Stake when handled by an Amateur in a 13 or more-dog stake in an AKC licensed trial held by a Brittany Club.
8. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC or Field Dog Stud Book. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms. All placed dogs shall be required to have DNA on file with Field Dog Stud Book for those Championship placements to be recorded in the Field Dog Stud Book.

Change to Qualifications for National Amateur All Age Stake

1. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over;
2. A dog winning first place in the National Open All Age Championship when handled by an Amateur will be qualified for life in the National Amateur All Age Championship, or;
3. A dog winning first place in the National Amateur All Age Championship will be qualified for life in the National Amateur All Age Championship, or;
4. A dog that has earned the title of Amateur Field Champion, or;
5. A dog that has earned the title of Field Champion, or;
6. During the period from previous year's close of entries and the closing of entries for the stake in the current year, has placed in an Open, Amateur, Limited, or Grand Limited All Age stake

with 13 or more dogs, when handled by an Amateur, at an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club.
7. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC, per the current ABC standards. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms.
8. Entries will be limited to the number of dogs that can be run in the days allotted for the event.

Current Qualifications for National Open All Age Stake

1. Open to any Brittany six (six) months of age or over which in any preceding year, placed first in the National Open All Age Championship for Brittanys, or;
2. which in the preceding year placed second, third or fourth in the National Open All Age Championship for Brittanys, or;
3. which during the period from the previous year's close of entries to the current year's closing of entries has placed in an Open All Age or Open Limited All Age Stake of 30 minutes in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club in which the following (or more) dogs started: 1st place with 13 starters 2nd place with 15 starters, 3rd place with 17 starters or 4th pace with 20 starters, or;
4. has placed in an Open All Age or Open Limited All Age Stake of one hour or more in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club in which 13 or more dogs started.
5. or has qualified in a preceding year and during the period from the previous years close of entries to the current year closing of entries has a placement in an Open or Open Limited All Age Stake with 13 or more dogs at an AKC licensed trial held by a Brittany Club.
6. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC or Field Dog Stud Book. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms. All placed dogs shall be required to have DNA on file with Field Dog Stud Book for those Championship placements to be recorded in the Field Dog Stud Book.

Change - Qualifications for National Open All Age Stake

1. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over;
2. A dog winning first place in the National Open All Age Championship will be qualified for life for the National Open All Age Championship, or;
3. A dog that has earned the title of Amateur Field Champion, or;
4. A dog that has earned the title of Field Champion, or;
5. During the period from previous year's close of entries and the closing of entries for the stake in the current year, has placed in an Open, Amateur, Limited, or Grand Limited All Age stake, with 13 or more dogs, at an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club.
6. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC, per the current ABC standards. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms.
7. Entries will be limited to the number of dogs that can be run in the days allotted for the event.

MOTION #21 Motion by Steve Cosgriff seconded by Robin Tomasi: I make a motion to amend my motion to include the Open Gun Dog and Amateur Gun Dog

YES: Dalene Dow, Matt Wedele, Robin Tomasi, Ron Gulembo, Helen Riggle, Ed Janulis, Leslee Masolotte, Steve Cosgriff
NO: Linda McCartney, Phillip Thayer, Shawn Macleod, Jim Stevens, Vince Anderson, Bruce Heiter, Bret Lindback
MOTION PASSES

MOTION#22 Results
YES: Phillip Thayer, Robin Tomasi, Ron Gulembo, Helen Riggle, Leslee Masolotte, Steve Cosgriff, Ed Janulis
NO: Linda McCartney, Matt Wedle, Bret Lindback, Bruce Heiter, Vince Anderson, Jim Stevens, Shawn Macleod, Darlene Dow
Motion Does NOT PASS

The hall of fame additions for the year were.
DOG-The Whiz Kid
PERSON- Dorothy McDonald

The Board voted to keep the executive secretary in for the executive session.
Motion #23 Motion by Matt Wedele seconded by Phil Thayer: I make a motion to keep Brooke in for the executive session.

Unanimously passed by the BOD

The candidates left the room and the Board voted to go into executive session
Motion #24 Motion by Darlene Dow seconded by Shawn Mcleod: I make a motion to enter executive session.

Unanimously passed by the BOD

Executive session started at 5:07pm

Motion #25 Motion by Darlene Dow seconded by Matt Wedele: I make a motion to end executive session.
Unanimously passed by the BOD

Executive session ended at 5:32pm

Results for the officer election were as follows

President
Candidates who ran for the position were Joe Droel and Karen Hanson
Joe Droel won the position

2nd VP
Candidates won ran for the position were Jaquai Campbell, Reva Pietrzak, Peggy Aguiar Peggy Aguiar won the position

Treasurer
Candidates who ran for the position were Tim Smith, Gerilyn Sennot Tim Smith won the position

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Brooke Burlingame
ABC executive secretary

2026 ABC President, Joe Droel **See Action Item 1, page x**

It has been a very productive year. Most of our time has been devoted towards ABC's financial stability. I'm very proud of the ABC BOD who have made some very tough decisions. Doug Tighe's leadership of the finance committee has been a benefit to the directors. We will tackle our biggest task yet as we search to find a new home for our national events, thank you Scott Johnson for chairing this important committee. Although we have filled many positions there are still some we need to fill. As president these last three years I have felt so blessed with the number of great volunteers ABC has and it has been a pleasure to work with them.

Positions to fill. Please reach out to club members in your region that you feel have talents in these areas.

AKC Pointing Breed Parent Clubs Liaison
Donations
National fundraising chair
Yearbook
Junior Handlers AKC
Webmaster
Legal Advisor
AKC Breed Referrals

Positions filled. Please take the time to welcome them into their new positions.

Breed stars committee: Dawn Droel
National dates chair: Bobbi Sigmond
Classics committee chair: Bruce Heiter
Garmin liaison: Joe Droel
Non performance chair: Amanda McGavin
Versatile dog award chair: Amanda McGavin

2027 Nomination Committee
Chair: Paul Renius
E: Linda McCartney
EC: Paul Renius

C: Ed Janulis
MW: John Perry
W: Bob West

ACTION ITEM 1: December email to members informing them of magazine price for paper copy and dues increase.

Respectfully,
Joe Droel

2026 ABC 1st Vice President, Richard Beaver, **See Action Item 2, page 50**

Richard will take 10-15 minutes to present different designs for the new national amateur all-age trophy that he and Linda Thomas have been working on.

ACTION ITEM 2: Approve design for the new National Amateur All-Age Trophy that will be presented by Richard Beaver and Linda Thomas at the meeting.

Rationale: The current trophy is out of room for additional names. Linda Thomas and Richard Beaver have been collaborating on designs for a new trophy to replace the current one.

2026 ABC 2nd Vice President (Membership), Peggy Aguiar

On October 15, 2026, I completed the migration of the members from the Old Membership Database into the New Membership Database. This has been an extensive project as when I started there were approximately 1,200 members in the old database.

Now that the migration of the members is complete, I am in the process of releasing the New Regional Club Portal to each of the clubs. The portal will provide the clubs access to view, download or print their membership lists; the ability to upload and manage their clubs event premiums; as well as the ability to manage their Clubs Leadership information.

ABC Membership Count as of 10/30/26

Membership Type	Membership Level Name	# of Active Members
Full - International	Active Full Membership - International (Annual)	7
Full - US	Active Full Membership - USA (Annual)	962
Full - US - Gift	GIFT of: Active Full Membership - USA (Annual)	1
Full Voting	(Voting Membership)	43
Hall of Fame	Hall of Fame	12
Lifetime	Lifetime Membership	5
Complimentary	Complimentary	6
Associate	(Assoc.) (Non-Voting Membership)	105
Family Associate	Family - Associate Membership (Annual)	111
Family Associate	Family - Associate Membership (Annual) **Paid but not claimed**	97
Grand Total		1,349

The Regional Club payments for their portion of the dues paid directly to ABC in 2025 have been paid to those clubs that provided the information requested for their payment preference (i.e. ACH, PayPal, Venmo, Zelle, etc.) and whose reimbursements exceeded the payment threshold.

Once I complete the distribution of the Regional Club Portal login information to the clubs, I will be completing the reconciliation and processing of payments due to the clubs for 2026.

One area that has been a challenge is the number of Family Associate memberships that have been paid but have not been claimed by the Associate Member (they have not setup their membership account). Periodically throughout the year I have sent out reminders to the Full Member associated with the Family Associate which brings the numbers down for some time. We are working to develop a solution to this challenge.

Report from Peggy Aguiar - 2nd Vice President (Membership)

2026 ABC 3rd Vice President, Joy Crisler

2026 has been a very busy year. Our committee continues with proven success, and I am very grateful for all the hard work that has been put in over the year and the 3 previous.

It became evident early on that Skyline Brittany Club who hosted our Summer Specialty, did not have enough membership to put on several days of specialties. Skyline was only interested in holding a designated specialty. Unfortunately, the other Brittany clubs in Colorado and nearby states are no longer holding specialties and could not help out. Facing that dilemma, the NSS committee had several members step up and create a separate group that came together and to pull off an American Brittany Club Independent Specialty and then ran the Summer Specialty show in total. All proceeds from this became a major fundraiser for the National Specialty Show.

Greeley was a lovely show site and the Greeley Kennel Club was great to work with. Many thanks to Skyline Brittany Club for suggesting this location. I am excited to announce that La Salle Brittany Club will be hosting the 2027 Summer Specialty, and they have been hard at work for over a year now and I know it is in great hands.

The upcoming 2026 National Specialty Show and Independent Specialty will be in Fort Smith at the Kay Rogers Expo Center. We have a very good entry for both events. I want to recognize Linda McCartney who was appointed as my "board liaison", who essentially was co-show chair for the past three years. She did this in addition to her BOD duties and I appreciate all the time, guidance and assistance she has given to the NSS.

I want to thank the Board of Directors for allowing me to serve the show community for the past four years as 3rd Vice President. It has been my greatest honor to give my time and dedication to this event.

2026 ABC 4th Vice President, Teresa Richmond

Teresa will make a 10-15 min presentation on the 2026 Walking Gun Dog Nationals and the National Gun Dog Championships.

2026 ABC Executive Secretary Report, Jennifer Brooke Burlingame

Another year has come and gone with the Brittany Club. First thing is I want to thank Robin for all the years she has been a director in the ABC. I will be sad to see her go, good luck in all your future endeavors. Another huge thank you needs to go out to Julio and Peggy great work on getting all the member lists switched and loaded for voting. This was our second year of online voting, and it went much better this year. I still mailed ballots but not nearly as many as last year so that is a win in my book.

The big struggle this year is the same as last year is finding people that want to run for a director position. We did have some newer members run and it was nice to see people from different venues run. I hope more people want to get involved in the future.

I can say I approved more field trial forms this year than last year. There were more walking field trials run this year, and I think they are gaining in popularity. I am seeing more new people in those field trials than traditional horse trials. The struggle for me still remains the same, and I've said it every year. Please remember I need a copy of your club's insurance before I can approve a field trial. I wish all clubs would remember to send it to me the at the 1st of the year and then I would not have to bug people over it.

The changing of the field grounds from Booneville were a lot of work for the directors, the future grounds committee and the president this year. I commend the directors on the work that went into it in such short time. I think those in charge of the National events did very well with the short amount of time they had.

This year and the next year are bringing a lot of changes to our club and I hope that people continue to participate and enjoy their dogs.

ABC Executive Secretary
J. Brooke Burlingame

2026 ABC Recording Secretary Report, Jacqui Campbell

There continues to be challenges obtaining year-end reports for the Agenda Book, with numerous reports missing from the 2026 edition. Given the membership's ongoing request for greater communication and transparency regarding ABC activities, it is essential that directors and committee chairs provide an annual report on the work of their respective positions and committees.

We should consider making the submission of a year-end report a mandatory component of each leadership role, as repeated requests for several reports have not resulted in the necessary responses. Ensuring consistent reporting will help keep members informed and provide a more complete record of the organization's activities and accomplishments.

2026 ABC Treasurer Report, Tim Smith

No report

2026 ABC Statistician Report- Harlene Hoyt-Johnson

l received the invite to the “Drive”. I also keep a Flash Drive of all the event files.

What is it that I do as the statistician:

- Field Trial Report is received by US Mail or Email (reports sent by email, event fee check is received via US mail or sent directly to the ABC treasurer)
- Some reports are still going to Mary C, who kindly forwards them to me. I then contact the field trial secretary by email or phone and request that future reports be sent directly to me.
- Reports received via US mail are scanned to computer file
- Reports received via email are downloaded to computer file
- Starter fee Checks are recorded on an excel spreadsheet, with information as follows: Club Name; event #; Number of Starters: Amount of check and date the check was deposited
- Auditing Field Trial Reports: Each stake in the trial is audited with AKC
- AKC registration number as well as registered name are validated
- Titles for each dog are added to the report if not included

- DOB; Sex; and color are verified to match AKC registration as well as DNA
- Qualified dogs are recorded on an excel spreadsheet for publication to the website and emailed to National Gun Dog and All Age National trial secretaries
- Audit is complete, the club trial (file) is uploaded to the shared drive

I have enjoyed the Statistician position with the American Brittany Club and look forward to continuing serving the club in this capacity. Future improvements for streamlining the statistician process with modern technology would be ideal. I welcome any suggestions for improvement.

Thank you,
Harlene Hoyt-Johnson

2026 Reports from Committees and Others:

2026 ABC Field Trial Dates, Bobbie Sigmund

Dates for the ABC website has been slow at times getting information from each of the Regional Field Trial Committee members. But getting better each season. Julio has been a great help getting dates on the website, as well as Colleen Walsh being patient with us getting her the dates.

The Dates coordinator for the East Central Jack Alexander has resigned and I am working on getting a replacement.

Will continue working on getting the field trail dates as quickly as we can, so we can get them up on the ABC website, to let the ABC members have the information quickly. Thank you to my committee members for all of their hard work this past year. Bruce Conover, Ed Janulis, Jim Crawford, Steve Cosgriff, and Jack Alexander.

Submitted by,
Bobbie Sigmund

2026 AKC Delegate Report, Terry Hilliard

We continue to have our meetings quarterly in Newark, NJ with the exception of our December meeting which is held in Orlando at the show.

There have been several changes to the AKC this year and more to follow. They are currently updating a very out of date computer system, so if you call or get an email that seems incorrect, please call them. I have had someone contact me to say she went to register her litter and there was no prior listings of her ever breeding.

There continues to be issues with good sportsmanship at all levels of participation over all levels of participation. The BOD is looking into ways to improve the events and have no instituted a fee if you are going to place a complaint against someone at events. It will be returned only if the committee agrees with your complaint.\

Every level of participation in AKC events are currently running low with a few exceptions. Registrations are still down across the board. Please register your litters if you are breeding.

There are also a lot of animal rights issues that would affect field trails, hunt tests, barn hunt, etc.. PLEASE check your local issues that are up for debate at the local, regional of state level. AKC Government Relations can assist you in writing to your representative or congressman or even local officials to voice you concern over issues that are coming up for discussion and votes in your areas.

Again, thank you for allowing me to represent the ABC. I am learning a lot from this experience and continue to serve on the Field Trial/Hunt Test Committee. Any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Terry

2026 AKC Gazette Report, David Webb

No report

2026 AKC Judges Education, Jessica Carlson

No report

2026 AKC Legislative Liaison, Sportsmen's Alliance Liaison Report and National Animal Interest Liaison Report, Mary Jo Trimble

First, I have asked that a new Legislative Chair be appointed for the last couple of years. That has not been done. Please find someone to take an interest.

I did work on two projects this year with two issues. When Arkansas put out a request for comments on changes to Blue Mountain rules and regs, I put out a request on Facebook for all field trialers to forward comments and also contact people in Booneville and the legislature as we had done in the past to stop bad things for trials. I think one maybe two people responded they had done something. I heard nothing from any officer of the ABC.

My second issue came when I was contacted not by ABC but by Jim Lawless that Illinois had scheduled quail hunters on the grounds at Pyramid State Park to hunt during the National Championship. As a Director of Illinois Federation for Outdoor Resources (IFOR) I called our Chairman Scotty Bryant and asked for help. I also contacted Dr. Bill Roe DDS who is President of Friends of Pyramid. They both went into action with us to get this hunt stopped not only for our nationals but in the future on dates trials are to be held. Scotty dealt with officials in the IDNR and Dr Roe with political representatives. Without years of working on legislative issues

and knowing who to accomplish this, things could have been a lot different. New blood is needed to take an interest and get involved actively with groups like IFOR and legislators.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Trimble

Book of the American Brittany, Dawn Droel

The book is a huge task and starting from scratch, not knowing anything about publishing or designing a book, has been a challenge. I have made many contacts, and will continue to do so regarding the publishing, printing, designing, legalities, reports, and so on. I have purchased a new computer (at my own expense) to use for the gathering and implementing of the project. I have started a new email address

AmBritbook@gmail.com for the purpose of the enterprise. I am digging in when my time allows.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Droel

2026 Breeder Education, Dawn Droel

I am getting the feel of the new role of ABC Breeder Education Coordinator. I'm managing the corresponding page on the ABC website. I am working on getting a list of ABC Brittany Breeder mentors to publish on the website for newer folks to be able to reach out to a qualified mentor in their area for advice. Mentors are crucial for the future of the breed.

I have a great speaker lined up for the 2027 NSS and will continue to pursue avenues to implement breeder education.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Droel

2026 Breed Standard, Dawn Droel

There were a few changes in committee members this year. I (Dawn Droel) was asked to serve as Chairman. Protecting the Standard of the breed I love is an honor! I have served on this committee for 3 different Chairmen over many years.

The current committee consists of representatives from the different regions - Bobbie Sigmund – East Coast, Brooke Burlingame – East Central, Linda Thomas – Central, Cheryl Mika – Midwest, Connie Strom – West Coast.

Last year and the first part of this year, when Mary Brown was Chairman, the committee addressed two issues – 1. Changing the standard to remove "not preferred" from the wording "tri

colors not preferred", 2. Allowing the Brittanys to be the only pointing dog at the shows to be judged on a ramp. Both these items were thoroughly investigated as per policy book and committee received input from the ABC membership. Our conclusion - there is a small percentage of members who would like the ramp to be optional to judges at the dog shows, and there's an even smaller percentage that would like the "not preferred" removed from tri colors.

There has always been, and will continue to be, a number of members who would like the ramp optional at the dog shows due to the trend of aging dog show judges.

However, the committee, as in the past when the ramp issue has been presented, found the majority of the membership would prefer to continue to hold our history in place and have our distinguished pointing breed judged on the ground.

A new upcoming project –

The committee will be aiding in the development and review, along with our JEC, of the Brittany video being produced for AKC Canine College. This modern tool is to aid conformation judges in correctly evaluating our breed. The cost of production and editing is solely AKC's responsibility. The ultimate approval of the final product will be presented to the ABC BOD for approval. Estimated timeline to be a couple years in the making.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Droel

2026 Central Region Director Report

No report

Classics Committee, Bruce Heiter

We now have a full committee- Art Cohen, Stan Truksa, Wayne Pepin, Shaun Hall and myself.

We have an application for the Grouse and pheasant classic and welcome applications for the remaining classics. One of the things on the list to get done is changing the deadlines for approvals. Classics to be held in the spring would have July 1st deadlines and classics to be held in the fall will have January 1 st deadlines.

2026 Dog of the Year, Linda McCartney

It's been my pleasure to head up the ABC Dog of the Year Committee for the last few years I am however, stepping down at the end of this year. Reva Pietrzak will be taking over my position in 2027. I will stay on as part of her committee as will the others currently on the committee.

We have some great new awards this year thanks to a very talented ABC member Jeff Jarmuskiewic. I hope everyone enjoys them

Linda McCartney
ABC DOY

2026 Dual Dog of the Year Committee Report, Nancy Clendenen

No report

2026 East Central Director's Report, Paul Renius **See Action Items 3-4, page 50**

ACTION ITEM 3: Should we as the ABC allow non members to enter ABC sponsored events? Would requiring membership encourage participants to join? The AFTCA requires membership before being allowed to enter. Should we?

ACTION ITEM 4: Awarding of saddles to the National winners of the horseback stakes. Can we afford this? The other AKC clubs do not award such expensive prizes. We already give a beautiful trophy, a Garmin, and dog food. Can't we offer a belt buckle or tooled fenders for the saddle?

2026 East Central Director's Report, Ron Gulembo **See Action Items 5-7, page 50**

ACTION ITEM 5: Need to discuss what to do with the property across the road at Bonneville grounds and never returning to Blue Mt field grounds.

ACTION ITEM 6: The ABC Policy Book needs a Chair/committee to update the book since the last time it was updated was in 2023/2024.

ACTION ITEM 7: There needs to be a serious grounds/show report for locations and the future of the All Age and Gun Dog Nationals.

Submitted by Ron Gulmbo

2026 East Coast Director's Report, Darlene Dow **See Action Item 8, page 50**

ACTION ITEM 8: I move that the National Championship and National Amateur Championship trophies be sent (housed) on loan to the Bird Dog Hall of Fame.

Rationale: These trophies are irreplaceable and valuable. They need to be in a permanent place to avoid loss or damage. Increasingly, the winners do not want to transport the trophies or be responsible for them.

Submitted by Darlene Dow

2026 East Coast Director's Report, Linda McCartney **See Action Items 9-11, page 50**

ACTION ITEM 9: Motion to add the following to the ABC Policy Book on pg 35 section G under 3rd VP duties.

" At the discretion of the 3rd VP a regional specialty show may be held in conjunction with the ABC National Specialty."

Rationale; for the last three years a regional specialty show has been held in conjunction with the ABC NSS resulting in increased entries and revenue. This addition will eliminate the need for the 3rd VP to seek board approval to hold this event on a year to year basis. This will not be a required event but optional and at the sole discretion of the current 3rd VP.

ACTION ITEM 10: Motion to allow the ABC National Specialty Show catalog to be a separate publication from the ABC Yearbook.

Rationale with the constraints of AKC rules and regulations pertaining to dog shows. The NSS Entry information currently being printed in the Yearbook is NOT allowed by AKC to be distributed until the first day of the NSS.

This would also allow who ever we choose to handle, edit print & or publish the Yearbook remain in compliance with AKC. The yearbook can then be freely distributed at any national field events being held prior to the NSS.

Currently prior years results are being published in the Yearbook. The cost of this catalog would be covered by fundraising, catalog ads and catalog sales.

ACTION ITEM 11: Motion to move the publication of the ABC Yearbook out to the end of the calendar year.

Rationale: After working on the Yearbook for the last two years I feel as do many others that we would be better served to publish the Yearbook at the conclusion of each calendar year. Many categories being published yearly are not the current years information. Doing so would then give us the ability to make our yearbook a historical record of all pertinent ABC Events for that calendar year. With the exclusion of the NSS catalog other items could be included. The cost of the publication would be supported as it is now by Ads and yearbook sales.

This change would allow the room to cover ALL ABC recognized classics/championship event results. AKC standings in all venues, Dog of the Year results, and many more can be included.

I've made a few subtle changes to this year's publication with the inclusion of more color photos making it a more appealing publication. The 2027 would have to be a catch-up year with multiple years results.

Submitted by Linda McCartney

2026 ABC Finance Committee Report, Douglas Tighe

The Finance Committee has met regularly with members of the Board of Directors to review the Club's financial position and address the continued operating losses.

Through these discussions, several measures were identified and implemented to help improve the Club's financial outlook and reduce ongoing expenses. These measures include:

- Increase in Membership Dues: An increase in membership dues to help offset rising operating expenses and improve revenue.
- Digital Magazine Option: The addition of a digital subscription option for the monthly magazine, providing members with an alternative to the printed publication.
- Printed Magazine Option: Members who prefer to receive a printed copy of the monthly magazine will be charged an additional fee to help cover the associated printing and mailing costs.

In addition to these measures, the Finance Committee remains committed to closely monitoring the Club's financial performance. Budget-to-actual figures will continue to be reviewed monthly so that any unfavorable variances or emerging financial concerns can be identified and addressed in a timely manner.

The Finance Committee recognizes that improving the Club's financial position will require continued attention and cooperation between the committee and the Board of Directors. We remain committed to responsible financial oversight and to taking the necessary steps to move the Club toward a more sustainable financial position.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Tighe
Finance Committee Chair
The American Brittany Club

2026 ABC Futurity Committee Report, Leslee Masolotte

The American Brittany Club Futurity Committee had 3 successful futurity events in 2026. The Western section was hosted jointly by the Northern California, San Diego and California Brittany Clubs. They worked well together, welcomed new members and their event was smoothly run with plenty of enthusiasm and great weather. The Eastern section was hosted by the Anthracite Brittany club. The members, entrants, volunteers and judges survived an east coast heat wave which did not lessen their congeniality. They welcomed several new ABC

members as well. The Central section was hosted by the Minnesota Brittany club. The Iowa Bird Dog Ranch location saw the largest entry numbers of the three sections. Competition was high and they even had two dual dog winner awards.

Futurity secretary Sue Lehosky reports continued good litter nomination numbers with 46 litters nominated for the 2025/2027 running. With the average Brittany litter size at 6 puppies that could translate to 276 full ABC members for a possible monetary gain of $13,800 to the membership accounting from the benefit of the ABC Futurity program. The 2027 Western section will be hosted by the Washington Brittany Club on May 6&7, 2027 and the Eastern Section will be hosted by the Norther Virginia Brittany Club on April 21-23, 2027. Plans are progressing well for both of those events. The Futurity committee is still searching for a Central Section host club and we remain hopeful. Traditionally the largest number of futurity entries have supported the Central Futurity. The dates in the central region are complicated. The futurity committee has been granted a waiver by the BOD to not charge the final forfeit late fee penalty to help entrants that are waiting for a Central section destination to be determined.

A new idea for 2027 is to offer a top futurity breeder award to the breeder that has the most futurity wins out of the sections for the futurity year running. We have enjoyed wonderful magazine coverage thanks to Colleen Walsh. We appreciate her spread showing the photos and pedigrees of the futurity winners. We are working on updating the website with our photos and wins and we thank Julio Rogriguez for continued support as we learn to use the new website.

No motions to submit at this time.

Respectfully,
Lestee Masolotte, Chairman
Futurity Committee

2026 Hall of Fame (People) and (Dog) Committee, Joe Droel

No names for 2026.

Please note that anyone wishing to nominate a person to the ABC Hall of Fame must submit that name and that person's qualifications to the President by April 1st of any year. There is a form located on the ABC website and a magazine ad is printed during the months of February and March of any year.

2026 Health and Genetics Committee, Margaret Horstmeyer, DVM

Main activity has been submitting monthly articles to the ABC magazine.

Since Purina discontinued the Parent Club Partnership Program, we are unable to have a Donor Advised Fund to contribute to the Canine Health Foundation Research.

Additionally, we are encouraging members to submit a cheek swab samples from their older Britts to the University of Missouri Canine Genetics Laboratory for submission into the study: "Brittany Late-Onset Cerebellar Degeneration".

2026 Long Range Planning Committee Report, Scott Johnson

The search continues for possible, permanent grounds for the National Championship and the National Gun Dog Championship. It is the belief and understanding of this committee that the National Walking Gun Dog will remain in Ionia, MI as that venue is secure and the event chair is content with such.

For 2026 The National Gundog championship is held at Grove Springs mo. November 7 -15 the National Championship will be at Pinckneyville il, November 23 – Dec 4. The events are separated this year as it became apparent in late June that Booneville was no longer a safe venue and the state restrictions are unreasonable.

The challenge has been finding a venue that will allow us 21 days to hold both events in the time frame that ABC was accustomed to having in Booneville (the Monday before Thanksgiving through the second week of Dec.). The common obstacle we are faced with is deer season. Most of the desired venues are conflicted with deer hunters. The two venues that we have chosen for 2026 require us to make some allowance for deer hunters. Deer hunting has grown tremendously in the last three decades and fact of the matter is, deer hunting generates more revenue for these venues than does field trials.

For 2027 national championships, we have no plans. We have, however, secured dates at both Grove Springs mo., and Pinckneyville il... If we find either or both venues suitable and acceptable with patrons, we may want to return. We have other venues in consideration but still, with those, issues are present. Desired for championship ground is accessibility, central location, as neutral as possible and, within an hour of a suitable location for the National Specialty.

This committee believes the in the future the ABC will have to consider separating the two events once again and finding other dates for the National Championship. Most likely in the spring season. Perhaps February or March allowing much more availability. Other breeds currently do this.

The investment made in the dog wagon (affectionately known as the Booneville Brandy Wagon), will be beneficial as an asset to offer a suitable venue for use during other field trials.

Scott Johnson, committee chairman.

2026 ABC Magazine Committee Report, Colleen Walsh, ABC Magazine Chair

No report

2026 ABC Midwest Region Report, Leslee Masolotte, Director **See Action Item 12, page 50**

The Midwest Region was proud to be the 2026 location of the ABC Summer Specialty Show. The Skyline Brittany Club of Colorado as the host club offered a regional club specialty show at the beautiful Island Grove Regional Park with the Greeley Kennel Club in Greeley, Colorado from August 14 through 17, 2026. The Skyline membership is blessed with dedicated volunteers. Despite being low in membership numbers, Skyline works well together to offer both field and show events. We welcomed show, scent work and rally exhibitors from Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Kansas, Oregon,
Pennsylvania, Georgia, Iowa, Montana, California, Maryland, Missouri and of course Colorado. Gratitude and huge thank you to those that supported our raffles and fund-raising efforts. Thank you, Joy Crisler ABC 3rd VP and her dedicated committee.

The ABC field trial calendar presents difficulty for Midwest Regional Clubs. With most field trials scheduled in mid spring, we find ourselves competing for dates in direct conflict with both neighboring states as well as Central Region field trial dates. Midwest Regional clubs are more dependent on using government lands for field trials, hence face restrictions in scheduling related to wild bird nesting laws and weather. The addition of Grand and Championship field stakes to weekend field trials or adding new field trials at the same location within the same time period need to undergo evaluation. Certainly, paying respect to our past beloved field trial members by naming a championship in their memory is commendable. Is there a point on the schedule when adding more stakes or field trials is not realistic? Are the members and volunteers being overworked, both those with full-time jobs as well as those that are retired and aging? Are we reaching a scheduling crisis when other clubs cannot find any available time to add a specialty show, another regional field trial or to host a futurity event? There are only so many weekends and dates so better coordination would be a goal. Inviting active members from neighboring regional clubs to judge events that conflict with their own regional club is not helpful. We need to help all the regional clubs, not just a few. Of course, we want to see an increase in our field event numbers as well as qualifying more dogs to increase the entry for our National Championships. How do dogs qualify for National Championships if their regional club cannot offer enough entries? Do we need to evaluate the number of championship stakes in one region to encourage championship stakes in other regions that are competing for the same dates. Our goal should be to attract new members that desire to attend field trials and ultimately finish field titles in all regional Brittany Clubs. This is frequently discussed. Can we address that goal in the present field trial date calendar?

AGENDA ITEM 12: I make the motion to limit the number of new field trials or Championships stakes per region when the dates conflict with the same dates as other regional clubs that are in close proximity. This action should include the ABC field trial date scheduler in coordination with regional board members.

Rationale: Too many Championship stakes are being added by a few clubs in the same geographical area and the field trial calendar schedule is not adequate to schedule for more regional clubs.

Respectfully submitted
Leslee Masolotte, Midwest Director

2026 ABC Midwest Region Director's Report- Shawn R Macleod **See Action Item 13, page 50**

This past year has provided another opportunity to listen to the membership of the Midwest region, contribute to the work of the American Brittany Club, and reflect on the challenges and opportunities facing our organization. Many of the themes raised in my previous report remain relevant today: the importance of consistent and transparent communication, responsible financial stewardship, meaningful membership engagement, and ensuring that our club continues to embrace both its traditions and the next generation of Brittany enthusiasts. While progress has been made in several areas, these priorities require continued attention and a shared commitment from the Board.

Financial stability has remained a significant concern among the membership. Recognizing the importance of addressing these challenges constructively, I formally joined the ABC Finance Committee and worked collaboratively with fellow volunteers, including other Directors, Finance Committee members, the Treasurer, Magazine Committee Chair, and Membership Chair, to explore opportunities for cost savings and improved financial sustainability. These efforts focused on identifying practical options for the Board to consider in balancing the club's financial responsibilities with the services and benefits our members value. While difficult decisions may still lie ahead, I believe this collaborative approach demonstrates the value of bringing together different perspectives and expertise to address challenges in the best interests of the ABC.

Communication, transparency, and accessibility also remain important priorities. Members continue to express a desire for timely information about Board activities, greater visibility into the rationale behind important decisions, and opportunities to provide meaningful input on matters affecting the club. Equally important is ensuring that our communication methods and membership processes remain accessible to members across generations and varying levels of technical familiarity. As the ABC continues to modernize its operations, we must be mindful that improvements in efficiency should not come at the expense of inclusiveness or member engagement.

In support of greater transparency and accessibility, I also undertook a general cleanup and reformatting of the ABC Policy Book. This effort was intended to make the document easier to navigate, improve the identification and tracking of revisions, and provide a more useful reference for current and future club leadership. Maintaining clear, accessible, and well-organized governing documents is an important part of ensuring consistency, accountability, and continuity in the administration of the ABC.

There has also been much to celebrate this past year. The 2025 ABC Nationals and 2026 ABC Summer Specialty Show were resounding successes, reflecting the dedication and hard work of the many volunteers who make these events possible. Midwest member and 3rd VP, Joy Crisler, and her committee did an outstanding job organizing and delivering these events. The collaboration between Joy and Midwest volunteers was especially noteworthy during the

Summer Specialty, demonstrating what can be accomplished when members come together with a shared commitment to the breed and the success of our club.

Members also continued to express appreciation for the ABC National grounds in Booneville, AR, and the efforts of Midwest member and 1st VP, Richard Beaver, whose team consistently delivered a successful and enjoyable All Age Championship. Beyond the championships themselves, Richard and Midwest member Scott Johnson traveled to Booneville and secured the dog wagon for the ABC. Scott subsequently devoted additional time and effort to coordinate its refurbishment, extending the useful life of an important piece of club equipment and helping ensure its safe and continued operation. These contributions are examples of the volunteer commitment that has long been a cornerstone of the ABC.

Looking ahead, the club continues to face important decisions, particularly regarding its financial future and the long-term location of our National events. These issues understandably create uncertainty and, at times, strong differences of opinion among members and leadership. I have become increasingly concerned, however, about the tensions that can arise within the Board and among our Officers as we navigate these challenges. Healthy debate and differing perspectives are essential to sound governance, but they must be accompanied by mutual respect, professionalism, and a willingness to work toward common solutions. Our membership deserves a Board that can disagree constructively while remaining united in its commitment to the best interests of the ABC. The example we set as leaders matters, particularly when the club is facing difficult decisions.

The ABC's greatest strength has always been the passion, dedication, and generosity of its membership. The challenges before us are real, but so too are the opportunities to strengthen our organization for the future. As we move forward, I hope we remain focused on responsible stewardship, open communication, respectful collaboration, and preserving the traditions that make our club special while welcoming the ideas and contributions of future generations. Our responsibility as Directors is not simply to represent the interests of our respective regions, but to work together in service of the entire American Brittany Club and the breed we all care so deeply about.

ACTION ITEX 13: Reimbursement of Expenses for ABC Dog Wagon Refurbishment

Proposed Motion: This proposal is to request that the ABC Board of Directors approve reimbursement to Midwest member Scott Johnson in the amount of $3,300 for expenses personally incurred in the repair and refurbishment of the ABC dog wagon.

These expenses include $500 for the replacement of wheel bearings and an additional $2,800 for necessary repairs and refurbishment to restore the wagon to safe and reliable operating condition.

The reimbursement shall be made upon submission of appropriate documentation of the expenses incurred.

Rationale: The ABC dog wagon is an important asset supporting the successful operation of our National Field Championships. Midwest members Richard Beaver and Scott Johnson took the

initiative to travel to Booneville, AR, and secure the wagon for the ABC. Recognizing the need for significant maintenance and repairs, Scott subsequently coordinated the necessary refurbishment and personally covered the associated costs.

These efforts have extended the useful life of the wagon, improved its safety and reliability, and helped preserve an important piece of equipment for continued use at ABC events.

While the ABC depends heavily on the generosity and dedication of its volunteers, members should not be expected to personally absorb substantial expenses associated with maintaining club-owned equipment. Reimbursing Scott for these documented costs recognizes his initiative and contribution while ensuring that the financial responsibility for maintaining ABC assets appropriately remains with the club.

2026 National Trophy Committee, Linda Thomas

2026 National Trophies
This year due to the generous donations from two ABC members/families, I was able to repurpose 3 first place dog trophies & 3 fourth place dog plaques. This resulted in a savings of almost $4000 to our National Trophy expense.

The group of suppliers used to acquire component parts continues to evolve as I work to contain costs. Our core suppliers worked hard to contain costs while producing high-quality parts with the materials available. It should be noted that we have several long-term relationships with several of these suppliers; we continue to be on good terms with all suppliers.

In 2027, I will be working with not only our National Field Trophies but also the creation of 2 additional rotating field trophies. The current National Amateur Championship trophy will be retired after this year as all spaces on the base will have been claimed. The old trophy will be replaced with a new version of the award that is more manageable but still carries the prestige and continue the tradition of having the annual winning dog's name added to the base. The second trophy I'll be working on is a rotating trophy for the National Amateur Walking Gun Dog. This is a new trophy that will include the former ABC Dual Award loving cup. The goal for both trophies is to have them ready for use at their respective 2027 events.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Thomas

2026 Nominating Committee, Darlene Dow

Director candidates

- East Coast- Phil Thayer (incumbent), Mo Pollard
- East Central- Ron Gulembo (incumbent), Brittany Coe
- Central- Matt Wedele (incumbent), Todd Parmenter
- Mid-West- Shawn Macleod (incumbent), Dennis Sullivan
- West Coast- Layne Peterson, Jason Sanko

Officer Positions

- 1st VP- incumbent, Richard Beaver
- 3rd VP- Terry Hilliard
- 4th VP- incumbent, Teresa Richmond
- Secretary incumbent, Jacqui Campbell

Nominations for officer positions may still be submitted to the nominating chair; (Darlene Dow, boudreaux@roadrunner.com)

Nominations are also accepted from the floor by directors.

Darlene Dow
Nominating Chair

2026 Non-Field Performance Committee, Amanda McGavin

The Non-Field Performance Committee successfully contributed articles to the May 2026 (Agility) and September 2026 (Non-Field Performance Sports) issues of the magazine. Thank you to Colleen Walsh and her magazine committee for highlighting non-field performance sports.

AKC Statistics published for 2025 indicate continued growth of Brittany owners competing in AKC non- field performance sports. The following titles were earned:

Agility- 330
Scent Work- 239
Canine Good Citizen- 117
Fast Cat- 95
Rally- 94
Trick Dog-81
Obedience Titles- 48
Fit Dog- 29
Fetch-13
Temperament Test- 12
Barn Hunt- 10
Dock Diving- 10
Coursing Ability- 7
Therapy Dog-6
Farm Dog- 4

Brittanys also earned 32 Agility Championships (26 MACHs and 6 PACHs). In Rally, three RACHs were earned. Our breed also had its first Triple Champion (TC), which consisted of championships earned in show, field, and agility.

On June 26, 2026, ABC was granted an AKC Scent Work license. The Inaugural Scent Work trial will be on November 18, 2026, during the National Specialty Show. There are over 60

entries for this Inaugural event. Thank you to the Texas Coastal Brittany Club, Washington Brittany Club, and Greater Indianapolis Brittany Club for their generous support. The Scent Work license will also be available for regional clubs to use as a fundraiser for the Nationals.

The Non-Field Performance Committee also began updating the Versatility Award Program (VD/ VDE). With the assistance of the webmaster, an updated application will be available online. Proposed changes to the program include eliminating non-AKC titles and AKC family dog titles from the program. These changes would make ABC more in alignment with other national breed clubs' programs.

In 2025 through October 2026, a total of five Brittanys earned a Versatility Dog Award and eight earned a Versatility Dog Excellent Award. We hope that by simplifying the application process, more Brittanys will earn versatility titles in the future.

Respectfully,
Amanda McGavin
Chair, Non-Field Performance Committee

2026 ABC Policy Book Committee Chair Report – Shawn R Macleod

As outlined in last year's report, the ABC Policy Book remains in need of a comprehensive review and modernization to ensure its policies are current, consistent, and reflective of the club's operations and governance. Although committee input and proposed revisions were requested, no formal submissions were received during the past year.

Progress was made in improving the organization and usability of the Policy Book through general formatting improvements, enhanced navigation, and the introduction of a revision tracking structure. These changes establish a more accessible baseline for future policy updates. Looking ahead to 2027, I intend to take a more proactive, hands-on approach by engaging members of the Policy Book Committee to work directly with select ABC committees in reviewing and modernizing their respective policy sections. The goal is to develop proposed revisions collaboratively, identify outdated or conflicting provisions, and present recommendations to the Board for consideration.

An appropriate starting point is the Classics section, where Lisa Pollock, Darlene Dow, and a small group of volunteers previously compiled proposed updates. I hope to build upon their work in partnership with incoming Classics Committee Chairman Bruce Heiter, using this effort as a model for future committee collaboration.

Modernizing the Policy Book will require sustained engagement across the organization, but remains an important step toward improving transparency, consistency, and continuity in the governance of the ABC.

2026 Purina Liaison Report, Ed Janulis

Annually ABC enters into a contract with the Purina Company for the following:

- It supplies all field championships, including Futurities with ProPlan dog food.
- This estimates to be approximately 520 large bags or approximately 18,900 lbs. of food.
- Additionally, they supply the National Summer Show and Annual Show with additional
- food.
- Along with the large bags each event gets 36 lb. of small bags for distribution.

Along with the dog food, Purina supplies monetary support to the National Championships, including Show, Field Championships, and including the Purina and Masked Man Award dinner and others.

They provide other initiatives to the American Brittany Club but wish to keep these confidential for business reasons. ABC is committed to Purina through these contract obligations.

Recently there was discussion on social media on Purina food deliveries. These were not friendly comments. Please be aware Purina monitors social media. You wouldn't want to be the one who got the ABC contract with Purina cancelled. If you have any concerns, please call me, text, or email. I answer them all.

For the following year if any of the championships are changing, such as the Quail Classic please contact me 2 months prior to the event for food coordination from me and Purina.

Ed Janulis
Purina Pro-Plan Liaison

2026 Social Media Committee Report, Darlene Dow

The ABC Facebook page is being managed effectively. Messages are responded to in a timely manner. Everyone chips in posting content and responding to questions. Each committee member has a focus on what they post. I can't thank them enough for their contributions. We continue to strive to highlight ABC events. One of the challenges is keep the page upbeat without negative comments. Folks get upset when comments are turned off for certain announcements. This is done by design to avoid inflammatory negative comments towards the ABC on the page. With over 8800 followers we want to encourage membership. I see that as THE biggest challenge. There needs to be a solution to try and convert these followers to become ABC members.

Darlene Dow

2026 Website Committee Report, Julio Rodriguez

This year, our website work has focused on helping members participate, giving regional clubs practical tools, and supporting the volunteers who carry out ABC's work. The website has evolved from a place to find information into a resource where people can also manage club responsibilities, complete forms, support events, and find ways to get involved.

Helping members participate
We clarified the paths for joining ABC, renewing a membership, and getting help with an existing account. The membership page explains where to start, how to renew the appropriate membership, and where personal assistance is available. We believe this guidance helps members complete the right steps with less confusion.

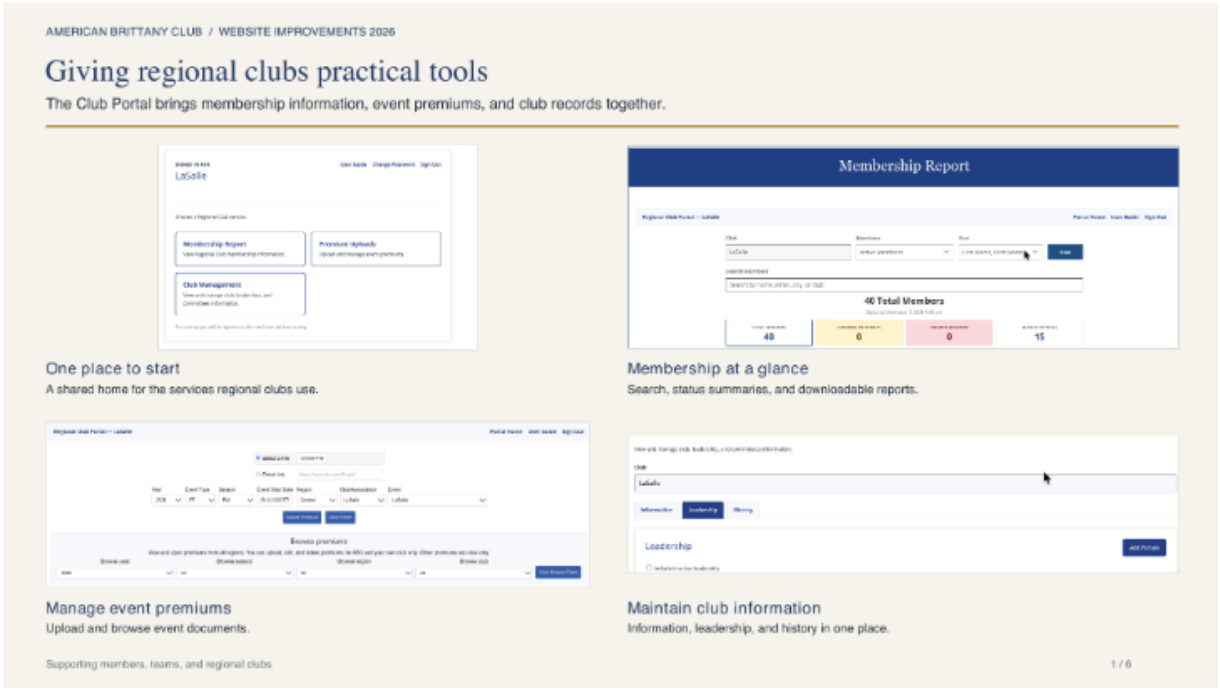
Giving regional clubs useful tools
The Regional Club Portal brings membership reports, premium uploads, and club management into one service area. Clubs can review membership status, search records, download reports, upload event premiums, and maintain club and leadership information. These tools give club volunteers more direct access to information they need for their work.

Supporting events and ABC programs
We incorporated digital payments into Futurity forms and added membership validation against the ABC membership database. This lets participants submit forms and pay online while checking the membership requirement within the process. We also incorporated online payments for trophy sponsorships and banquet reservations, with selections reviewed together before checkout. The Nationals pages organize schedules, deadlines, and entry information, while Futurity information explains program years, fees, and timing. We believe these improvements make participation more convenient and support the teams administering these programs.

Connecting members with service and recognition
The committee directory lets members search committees, people, and roles and browse by area of interest. It helps members find whom to contact about contributing their time and skills to ABC. Updated awards and Dog of the Year pages make recognition programs and honorees easier to explore, while Dual Champion pages bring recent achievements and annual history together. Our measure of progress is usefulness: whether a member can find the next step, a club volunteer can complete a task, or an ABC team can share its work more clearly. Member questions and volunteer feedback continue to guide these improvements.

Opening the ABC Magazine Library
The new ABC Magazine Library brings current issues and historical publications into one place. Members can open the latest available issue, browse this year's magazines, and explore the archive by decade and year. We believe this makes ABC publications easier to use and helps preserve access to the club's history. Our measure of progress is usefulness: whether a member can find the next step, a club volunteer can complete a task, or an ABC team can share its work more clearly. Member questions and volunteer feedback continue to guide these improvements.

ABC Website Improvements Visual Addendum
Six themes illustrating how the website supports members, regional clubs, and ABC.



ABC Website Improvements



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Making Nationals easier to navigate

Event information, deadlines, sponsorships, and reservations presented in clearer paths.





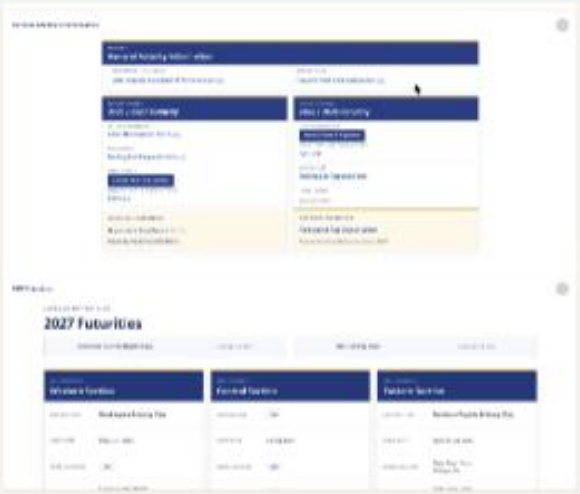
Support and participation

Pay online for trophies and banquet reservations.

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB / WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS 2026

Supporting Futurity participation

Digital payments and validation against the ABC membership database are built into Futurity forms.





Forms and digital payment

Rules, fees, and online payment in one process.

Membership is validated against the ABC database.

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB / WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS 2026

Making achievements easier to explore

Awards, annual honorees, and Dual Champion history have clearer places on the website.



Awards overview

A clearer route to recognition programs.



Dog of the Year

Program information and previous honorees.



Celebrate the honorees

Photos and searchable award categories.



Dual Champion history

Newest champions and annual honor rolls.

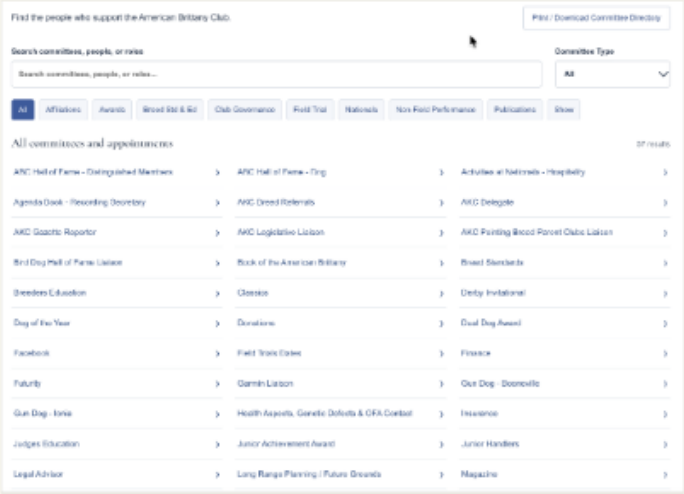
Supporting members, teams, and regional clubs

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AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB / WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS 2026

Helping members find a way to help ABC

The committee directory helps members explore their interests and connect about volunteering.



Explore interests

Browse committees by category, from breed education to events.

Find people and roles

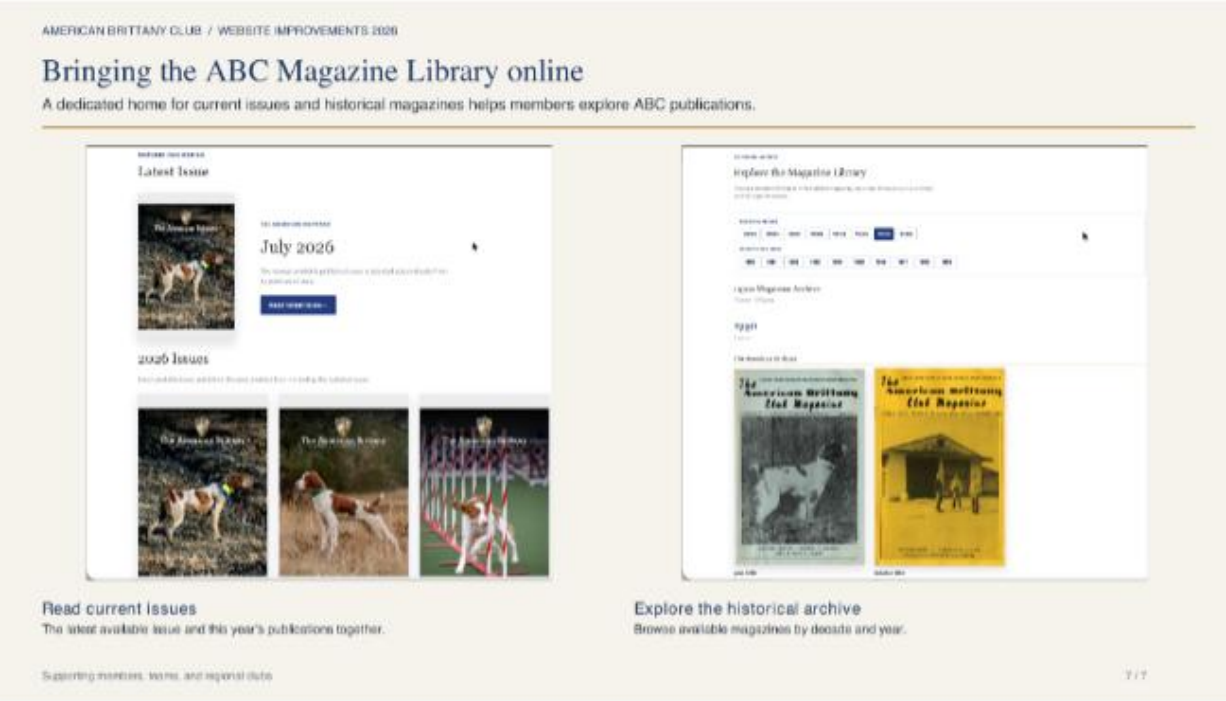
Search the directory to find the right committee or contact.

Take the next step

Connect about opportunities to contribute time and skills.

Supporting members, teams, and regional clubs

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2026 West Coast Director's Report, Robin Tomasi, Steve Cosgriff, Bob West **See Action Items 14-17, pages 50- 51**

ACTION ITEM 14: Add in the following language to the Dual Dog Award

Bench Champions entered and shown in Best of Breed competition shall receive an automatic 3 points toward the Dual Award. In addition, bench champions entered in any non-regular classes with single dog entries (such as Veteran, Dual Champion, National Qualifier, Field Trial Class, etc.) shall receive an automatic 3 points toward the Dual Award, however no additional points are to be accumulated for placements in these classes.

Rationale: Removed from the policy in the last revision and multiple requests from members to add it back in.

ACTION ITEM 15: The American Brittany Club request that the American Kennel Club designate the winner of the National Open Walking Gun Dog Championship (NWGDC) be recorded a Field Champion, and the winner of the National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship (NAWGDC) be recorded an Amateur Field Champion.

Rationale: Currently the AKC Pointing Breed rules grants the winners of the NFC, NAFC, NGDC, and NAGDC a FC or AFC respectfully while the NWGDC and NAWGDC are awarded points towards their title. Changing the wording would treat all events equally. https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RFTPNT.pdf

Section 12. A National Open All-Age Championship Stake for Brittanys may be run not more than once in 32 any calendar year, by the Parent Club for the breed. The stake shall be for dogs 6 months of age or over, which by reason of wins previously made in All- Age Stakes qualify under regulations made by the Parent Club, all of which regulations shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club. The winner of this stake, if registered in The American Kennel Club Stud Book, shall be recorded a Field Champion by The American Kennel Club, and shall be entitled to be designated "National Brittany Open All-Age Field Champion of 20__." (NFC)

Section 13. A National Open Gun Dog Championship stake for Brittanys shall be for dogs over 6 months of age, which by reason of wins previously made in Gun Dog stakes qualify under special rules approved by the Board of Directors. This stake shall be run not more than once in any calendar year by the Parent Club of the Breed and shall be designated a horseback stake. The winner of such stake shall become a Field Champion of Record if registered in The American Kennel Club Stud Book, and shall be entitled to be designated "National Brittany Open Gun Dog Field Champion of 20__." (NGDC)

Section 14. A National Amateur Gun Dog Championship Stake for Brittanys shall be for dogs over 6 months of age, which by reason of wins previously made in Gun Dog stakes qualify under special rules approved by the Board of Directors. This stake shall be run not more than once in any calendar year by the Parent Club of the Breed and shall be designated a horseback stake. The winner of such stake shall become an Amateur Field Champion of Record if registered in The American Kennel Club Stud Book, and shall be entitled to be designated "National Amateur Brittany Gun Dog Champion of 20__." (NAGDC)

Section 15. A National Amateur All-Age Championship Stake for Brittanys shall be held not more than once in any calendar year, and shall be for dogs which by reason of wins previously made qualify under regulations submitted by the Parent Club and approved by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club. The stake shall be held by the Parent Club which shall file an application for permission to run it under procedures approved in advance by The American Kennel Club. The winner of this stake, if registered in The American Kennel Club Stud Book, shall be recorded an Amateur Field Champion by The American Kennel Club and shall be entitled to be designated "National Amateur Brittany Field Champion of 20__." (NAFC) 33

Section 16. A National Open Walking Gun Dog Championship stake for Brittanys shall be for dogs over 6 months of age, which by reason of wins previously made in Gun Dog stakes qualify under special rules approved by the Board of Directors. This stake shall be run not more than once in any calendar year by the Parent Club of the Breed and shall be designated a walking stake. Dogs placing in this stake shall be credited with championship points in accord with the schedule for Field Championships. The winner shall be entitled to be designated "National Walking Brittany Gun Dog Champion of 20__. (NWGDC)

Section 17. A National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship stake for Brittanys shall be for dogs over 6 months of age, which by reason of wins previously made in Gun Dog stakes qualify under special rules approved by the Board of Directors. This stake shall be run not more

than once in any calendar year by the Parent Club of the Breed and shall be designated a walking stake. Dogs placing in this stake shall be credited with championship points in accord with the schedule for Amateur Field Championships. The winner shall be entitled to be designated "National Amateur Walking Brittany Gun Dog Champion of 20__."
(NAWGDC)

ACTION ITEM 16: Brittany Designation as a Ramp-Optional Breed
I move that the American Brittany Club request that the American Kennel Club designate the Brittany as a ramp-optional breed in conformation events, at the discretion of the judge, through all levels of competition, including Breed, Group, and Best in Show judging, in accordance with applicable AKC policies.

Rationale: The breed standards committee had no recommendation on the ramp, and based on membership feedback, specifically those who compete in dogs shows, the support is for ramp optional status.
The Brittanys AKC breed standard specifies a height of 17½ to 20½ inches at the shoulder for both males and females. This places the Brittany within the same general height range as numerous breeds already designated as ramp-optional or ramp-required by the AKC. Below is a sample of the height range for breeds on the current ramp list

Breed	Ramp designation	Height range
Brittany (proposed)	Optional requested	17½–20½
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever	Optional	17–21
Welsh Springer Spaniel	Optional	17–19
Field Spaniel	Optional	16–19
Clumber Spaniel	Required	17–20
English Springer Spaniel	Required	19–21
Portuguese Water Dog	Optional	17-23
Australian Cattle Dog	Optional	17-20
Border Collie	Optional	18–22
Standard Schnauzer	Optional	17½–19½
Finnish Spitz	Optional	15 ½-20
Polish Lowland Sheepdog	Optional	17–20
Chinese Shar-Pei	Required	18–20

Allowing the Brittany to be designated as a ramp-optional breed provides judges with the discretion to determine whether examination on the ground or on a ramp is most appropriate for evaluating each individual dog. A ramp may offer judges an improved opportunity to assess the Brittany's structure, proportions, feet, and overall conformation, while also providing an alternative when physical limitations or circumstances make ground-level examination or lifting a dog difficult. This flexibility accommodates varying judging environments, including uneven terrain and different ring conditions, without changing the Brittany breed standard or the established criteria by which the breed is evaluated. Adding our breed to the ramp optional list gives exhibitors the opportunity to present their dogs in the best possible manner, allowing the judge to clearly assess the Brittany's structure, proportions, and overall conformation.

One concern raised regarding the ramp is that the Brittany is a pointing breed and should therefore always be examined on the ground. Allowing optional ramp use does not diminish or alter the Brittany's identity, purpose, or characteristics as a pointing breed. Brittanys are routinely photographed at field and show events on podiums to best present the dog. Again, the addition of ramp optional, does not mandate ramp use or change the manner in which the breed is evaluated. It simply provides judges with an additional option when examining a Brittany in the conformation ring. Judges who prefer ground-level examination would retain that discretion.

There have been concerns raised in regard to the size/height of the ramp. The AKC has set guidelines on the size and the ramp angle of elevation The length is 4', the width is 2' and the height is between 15"-24" with an angle of elevation for the ramp of 30 degrees with the surface being rubber-matted. The ramp incline and stacking surface is fixed while allowing for a small range in height. The height range should have little impact as dogs are walked up the ramp and back down the ramp after examination.

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TABLE BREEDS

SPORTING
COCKER SPANIEL
ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL
NEDERLANDSE KOOIKERHONDJE

HOUNDS
BASENJI (or Ramp)
ALL BEAGLES
PETIT BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN
ALL DACHSHUNDS
PORTUGUSE PODENGO PEQUENO

WORKING
DANISH-SWEDISH FARMDOG

TERRIERS
ALL TERRIERS **on TABLE, EXCEPT** those breeds noted below:

AIREDALE TERRIER (Ground)
AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER (Ground or Ramp)
BULL TERRIER (Ground)
IRISH TERRIER (Ground or Ramp)
MINI BULL TERRIER (Ground, Table or Ramp)
SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER (Ramp Only)
STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER (Ground or Ramp)

TOY - ALL TOY BREEDS ON TABLE

NON-SPORTING
ALL AMERICAN ESKIMOS
BICHON FRISE
BOSTON TERRIER
COTON DE TULEAR
FRENCH BULLDOG
LHASA APSO
LOWCHEN
MINIATURE POODLE
NORWEGIAN LUNDEHUND
SCHIPPERKE
SHIBA INU
TIBETAN SPANIEL
TIBETAN TERRIER
XOLOITZCUINTLI (Toy and Miniatures)

HERDING
CARDIGAN WELSH CORGI
LANCASHIRE HEELER
MINIATURE AMERICAN SHEPHERD
MUDI (or Ramp)
PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI
PULIK (or Ramp)
PUMI
PYRENEAN SHEPHERD
SHETLAND SHEEPDOG
SWEDISH VALLHUND

MISCELLANEOUS BREEDS
ALASKAN KLEE KAI
BOLOGNESE
GERMAN SPITZ (SMALL AND MEDIUM)
PERUVIAN INCA ORCHID (SMALL AND MEDIUM)

RAMP OPTIONAL BREEDS: At the judge's discretion through all levels of competition including group and Best in Show judging.

AMERICAN WATER SPANIEL (thru 12/31/26)
BOYKIN SPANIEL
FIELD SPANIEL
NS DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER
WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL (thru 12/31/26)
BASENJI (or Table)
BASSET FAUVE DE BRETAGNE
GRAND BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN
NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND
WHIPPET
GERMAN PINSCHER
PORTUGUESE WATER DOG
STANDARD SCHNAUZER
AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER
IRISH TERRIER
MINIATURE BULL TERRIER (Ground/Table)
STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER
FINNISH SPITZ
AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG
BORDER COLLIE (eff 1/1/27)
ENTLEBUCHER MOUNTAIN DOG
FINNISH LAPPHUND
ICELANDIC SHEEPDOG
MUDI (or Table)
NORWEGIAN BUHUND
POLISH LOWLAND SHEEPDOG
PULI (or Table)
NORRBOTTENSPET (Misc.)

NOTE: Ramps can be used in emergency situations to judge any breed. See next page for ramp emergency use information.

BREEDS THAT MUST BE JUDGED ON RAMP: Applies to all conformation competition associated with AKC conformation dog shows or at any event at which an AKC conformation title may be earned.

AMER WATER SPAN. (eff 1/1/27)
WELSH SPR SPANIEL (eff 1/1/27)
CLUMBER SPANIEL
ENGLISH SPRINGER SP.
LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO
SUSSEX SPANIEL
BASSET HOUND
CIRNECO DELL'ETNA
KERRY BLUE TERRIER
SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERR.
BULLDOG
CHINESE SHAR-PEI
CHOW CHOW
KEESHOND
SPANISH WATER DOG

Breeds not listed above must be judged on the ground.

REVISED 09/22/2026

ACTION ITEM 17: Approve the following qualifications for ABC National Field Championships starting in 2027

The National Amateur (All Age) Championship

1. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age that is a Field Champion (FC) or Amateur Field Champion (AFC) of record in the United States, and has one (1) placement in any Open or Amateur All Age stake with 8 or more dogs, or
2. in the preceding year placed in the National Amateur All Age Championship for Brittanys, or
3. which during the period from previous year's close of entries and the close of entries for the stake in the current year has placements in two (2) Open and/or Amateur All Age stakes with 8 or more dogs, held by a Brittany Club, in the United States.
4. Only an amateur may handle a dog in the National Amateur All Age stake.
5. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Amateur All Age Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Amateur All Age Championship will be ineligible to compete.

Only persons who, in the judgment of the Field Trial Committee, are qualified as amateurs as defined in Chapter 17, Section 2, of the AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, may serve as scouts in the National Amateur All Age Championship Stake.

The National (Open All Age) Championship

1. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over that is a Field Champion (FC) of record with AKC in the United States, and has one (1) placement in any Open All Age stake with 8 or more dogs, or
2. which in the preceding year placed the National Open All Age Championship for Brittanys, or
3. which during the period from previous year's close of entries and the close of entries for the stake in the current year has placements in two (2) Open All Age Stakes with 8 or more dogs, held by a Brittany Club, in the United States, or
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Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Open All Age Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Open All Age Championship will be ineligible to compete.

The National Amateur Gun Dog Championship

(Horseback & Walking)

1. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over that is a Field Champion (FC) or Amateur Field Champion (AFC) of record with AKC in the United States, and has one (1) placement in any Open or Amateur Gun Dog stake with 8 or more dogs, or
2. which in the preceding year placed in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship for Brittanys, or
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The National (Open) Gun Dog Championship

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3. which in the preceding year placed in the National Open Gun Dog Championship for Brittanys, or
4. which during the period from previous year's close of entries and the close of entries for the stake in the current year has placements in two (2) Open Gun Dog stakes with 8 or more dogs, held by a Brittany Club, in the United States.
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Research related to motion:

AKC Stats by Breed by Year

FC	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Brittany	29	34	32	43	51
GSP	44	41	57	57	48
Vizslas	19	14	11	19	17
Total FC	92	89	100	119	116

AFC	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Brittany	19	21	29	18	25
GSP	20	29	29	33	44
Vizslas	16	10	1	1	10
Total AFC	55	60	59	52	79

Data provided by the AKC Annual Statistics Reports
https://www.akc.org/sports/annual-statistics/

DC	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Brittany	6	11	11	15	12
GSP	6	6	7	6	10
Vizslas	8	6	5	3	11
Total DC	20	23	23	24	33

Data provided by the AKC Annual Statistics Reports

A look at other breeds qualifications:

2026 GSP Amateur Gun Dog - 1 placement 8 dog gun dog stake
The National Amateur Championship open to any German Shorthaired Pointer six months of age or older that has placed in any two (2) point or greater Amateur or Amateur Limited, All Age, Open or Open Limited Gun Dog stake or is currently a Field Champion or Amateur Field Champion of record in the United States or Canada. Placements in derby stakes will not qualify.

2026 GSP Open Gun dog - 2 placements in 8 dog gun dog stake
Open to any German Shorthaired Pointer six months of age or older that has placed in any two (2) point or greater Amateur or Amateur Limited, or Open or Open Limited Gun Dog stake in the United States or Canada or is currently a Field Champion or Amateur Field Champion of record in the United States or Canada. Placements in derby stakes will not qualify.

2026 GSP ALL Age - 1 placement 8 dog AA stake
The National Championship (run as Open All Age) is open to any German Shorthaired Pointer six months of age or older that has placed in any two (2) point or greater All Age stake in the United States or Canada; or is currently a Field Champion or Amateur Field Champion of record in the United States or Canada. Placements in derby stakes will not qualify.

2026 Irish setter - any placement, any size stake qualifies for amateur and open
The Grand National Championship is open to any AKC Registered Irish Setter 6 months of age or over that has placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in an Open or Amateur Gun Dog, Limited Gun Dog or All Age stake, at an AKC Li censed or AKC Member Field Trial prior to close of entries on Oct. 12, 2026.

The Grand National Amateur Championship is open to any AKC Registered Irish Setter six months of age or over that has placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in any Open or Amateur Gun Dog, Limited Gun Dog or All age stake at an AKC Li censed or AKC Member Field Trial prior to close of entries on Oct. 28, 2026.

2026 Vizsla Amateur - AFC or 1 placement in 8 dog stake
Qualification- Open to any Vizsla six months of age or over that has met at least one of the following qualifications: Earned an AKC Amateur Field Champion title or ever placed first, second, third or fourth in eight (8) dogs started or first in a 4-7 dog started Amateur All-Age Stake, Amateur Limited All Age Stake, Amateur Gun Dog Stake, or Amateur Limited Gun Dog Stake in an AKC licensed or member field trial.
2026 Vizsla Open - AFC/NFC or 1 placement in 8 dog stake or 1st in 4-7 dog stake
Qualification- Open to any Vizsla six months of age or over that has met at least one of the following qualifications: Earned an AKC Field Champion or Amateur Field Champion title, or that has ever placed first, second, third or fourth in an Grand Open Limited Stake, Open-All Age Stake, Amateur All-Age Stake, Open Limited All-Age Stake, Amateur Limited All-Age Stake, Open Gun Dog Stake, Amateur Gun Dog Stake, Open Limited Gun Dog Stake, or Amateur Limited Gun Dog Stake in which at least eight (8) dogs started in an AKC licensed or member field trial.

2026 GSP Amateur Gun Dog - 1 placement 8 dog gun dog stake
The National Amateur Championship 0pen to any German Shorthaired Pointer six months of age or older that has placed in any two (2) point or greater Amateur or Amateur Limited, All Age, Open or Open Limited Gun Dog stake or is currently a Field Champion or Amateur Field Champion of record in the United States or Canada. Placements in derby stakes will not qualify.

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ABC Current Qualifications

The National Amateur (All Age) Championship

(Effective January 1, 2022)

1. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over which in any preceding year placed first in the National Amateur All Age Championship for Brittany's or.

2. which in the preceding year placed second, third or fourth in the National Amateur All Age Championship for Brittany's, or.
3. which during the period from previous year's close of entries and the close of entries for the stake in the
current year has placed in an Amateur All Age or Amateur Limited All Age stake or placed in an All Age or Limited All Age Stake, when handled by an Amateur, in the following (or more) dogs started: 1st place with 13 starters, 2nd place with 15 starters, 3rd place with 17 starters, or 4th place with 20 starters, or.
4. has placed in any hour All Age or Limited All Age Stake in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club and handled by an Amateur in which the following dogs started: 1st place with 13 starters, or.
5. has qualified for the current year National Open All Age Championship for Brittanys when handled by an Amateur, or.
6. A dog winning first place in the National Open All Age Championship when handled by an Amateur will also be qualified for life in the National Amateur All Age Championship.
7. or has qualified in a preceding year and during the period from the previous year's close of entries to the current year closing of entries has a placement in an All Age or Limited All Age Stake when handled by an Amateur in a 13 or more-dog stake in an AKC licensed trial held by a Brittany Club.
8. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC or the DNA number must be included on all entry forms. All placed dogs shall be required to have DNA on file. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

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3. which during the period from the previous year's close of entries to the current year's closing of entries
has placed in an Open All Age or Open Limited All Age Stake of 30 minutes in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club in which the following (or more) dogs started: 1st place with 13 starters, 2nd place with 15 starters, 3rd place with 17 starters 4th place with 20 starters, or.

4. has placed in an Open All Age or Open Limited All Age Stake of one hour or more in an AKC Licensed
   Trial held by a Brittany Club in which 13 or more dogs started, or.
5. has qualified in a preceding year and during the period from the previous years close of entries to the current year closing of entries has a placement in an Open or Open Limited All Age Stake in a 13 or more-dog stake in an AKC licensed trial held by a Brittany Club. (2014)
6. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms. All placed dogs shall be required to have DNA on file. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Open All Age Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Open All Age Championship will be ineligible to compete.

The National Amateur Gun Dog Championship

(Horseback & Walking)
(Effective January 1, 2022)

1. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over which in any preceding year placed first in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship for Brittany's or.
2. which in the preceding year placed second, third or fourth in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship for Brittany's or.
3. which during the period from the previous year's close of entries to the current year's closing of entries has placed in a Gun Dog or Limited Gun Dog Stake of 30 minutes in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club, when handled by an Amateur, in which the following (or more) dogs started: 1st place with 13 starters, 2nd place with 15 starters, 3rd place with 17 starters, or 4th place with 20 starters or.
4. has placed in any hour Gun Dog or Limited Gun Dog Stake in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club and handled by an Amateur in which 13 or more dogs started or.
5. has qualified for the current year National Open Gun Dog Championship for Brittanys when handled by an Amateur or.
6. a dog winning first place in the National Open Gun Dog Championship when handled by an Amateur will also be qualified for life in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship, or
7. has qualified in a preceding year and during the period from the previous year's close of entries to the current year closing of entries has a placement in a Gun Dog or Limited Gun Dog Stake when handled by an Amateur in a 13 or more-dog stake in an AKC licensed trial held by a Brittany Club.
8. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms. All placed dogs shall be required to have DNA on file. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship will be ineligible to compete.

Only persons who, in the judgment of the Field Trial Committee, are qualified as amateurs as defined in Chapter 17, Section 2, of the AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, may serve as scouts in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship Stake.

The National (Open) Gun Dog Championship

(Horseback & Walking)
(Effective January 1, 2022)

1. Open to any Brittany six (six) months of age or over which in any preceding year, placed first in the National Open Gun Dog Championship for Brittany's or.
2. which in the preceding year placed second, third or fourth in the National Open Gun Dog Championship for Brittany's or.
3. which during the period from the previous year's close of entries to the current year's closing of entries has placed in an Open Gun Dog or Open Limited Gun Dog Stake of 30 minutes in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club, in which the following (or more) dogs started: 1st place with 13 starters, 2nd place with 15 starters, 3rd place with 17 starters, or 4th place with 20 starters or;
4. has placed in an Open Gun Dog or Open Limited Gun Dog Stake of one hour or more in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club in which 13 or more dogs started or.
5. has qualified in a preceding year and during the period from the previous year's close of entries to the current year closing of entries has a placement in an Open or Open Limited Gun Dog Stake in a 13 or more-dog stake in an AKC licensed trial held by a Brittany Club.
6. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC. DNA number must be included on all entry forms. All placed dogs shall be required to have DNA on file. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Open Gun Dog Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Open Gun Dog Championship will be ineligible to compete.

2026 Yearbook Committee, Linda McCartney

For the last two years I have worked on the ABC Yearbook when we were in a pinch and we all thought it was not going to happen.

My hopes are that the board considers my proposal to change our approach on the ABC Yearbook and make it become more of an annual record of our club's major events, & awards. I did make some subtle changes to this years publication, including more color photos on all feature pages. I hope everyone enjoys those changes.

Thank you to all of the people and businesses who advertised for supporting our publication.

Also I can't thank enough all of the others who helped make this happen! Bonnie Hill, Robin Tomasi, Karen Hanson, Cindy Miller, Julio Rodriguez, Peggy Aguiar & Hailey Gould I could not have done it without your help!

I look forward to the challenge of making it an even better publication next year! I did tell club President Joe Droel that I would stay on!

Linda McCartney
ABC Yearbook

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Action Item by Joe Droel, President

Proposed Motion: December email to members informing them of magazine price for paper copy and dues increase.

Action Item by Richard Beaver, 1st Vice President

Proposed Motion: Approve design for the new National Amateur All-Age Trophy that will be presented by Richard Beaver and Linda Thomas at the meeting.

Rationale: The current trophy is out of room for additional names. Linda Thomas and Richard Beaver have been collaborating on designs for a new trophy to replace the current one.

Action Items by Paul Renius, East Central Director

Proposed Motion: Should we as the ABC allow non members to enter ABC sponsored events? Would requiring membership encourage participants to join? The AFTCA requires membership before being allowed to enter. Should we?

Proposed Motion: Awarding of saddles to the National winners of the horseback stakes. Can we afford this?

Rationale: The other AKC clubs do not award such expensive prizes. We already give a beautiful trophy, a Garmin, and dog food. Can't we offer a belt buckle or tooled fenders for the saddle?

Action Items by Ron Gulembo, East Central Director

Proposed Motion: Need to discuss what to do with the property across the road at Bonneville grounds and never returning to Blue Mt field grounds.

Proposed Motion: The ABC Policy Book needs a Chair/committee to update the book since the last time it was updated was in 2023/2024.

Proposed Motion: There needs to be a serious grounds/show report for locations and the future of the All Age and Gun Dog Nationals.

Action Item by Darlene Dow, East Coast Director

Proposed Motion: I move that the National Championship and National Amateur Championship trophies be sent (housed) on loan to the Bird Dog Hall of Fame.

Rationale: These trophies are irreplaceable and valuable. They need to be in a permanent place to avoid loss or damage. Increasingly, the winners do not want to transport the trophies or be responsible for them.

Action Item by Linda McCartney, East Coast Director

Proposed Motion: Motion to add the following to the ABC Policy Book on pg 35 section G under 3rd VP duties.

Rationale: " At the discretion of the 3rd VP a regional specialty show may be held in conjunction with the ABC National Specialty."

Rationale; for the last three years a regional specialty show has been held in conjunction with the ABC NSS resulting in increased entries and revenue. This addition will eliminate the need for the 3rd VP to seek board approval to hold this event on a year to year basis. This will not be a required event but optional and at the sole discretion of the current 3rd VP.

Proposed Motion: Motion to allow the ABC National Specialty Show catalog to be a separate publication from the ABC Yearbook.

Rationale: With the constraints of AKC rules and regulations pertaining to dog shows. The NSS Entry information currently being printed in the Yearbook is NOT allowed by AKC to be distributed until the first day of the NSS.

This would also allow who ever we choose to handle, edit print & or publish the Yearbook remain in compliance with AKC. The yearbook can then be freely distributed at any national field events being held prior to the NSS.

Currently prior years results are being published in the Yearbook. The cost of this catalog would be covered by fundraising, catalog ads and catalog sales.

Proposed Motion: Motion to move the publication of the ABC Yearbook out to the end of the calendar year.

Rationale: After working on the Yearbook for the last two years I feel as do many others that we would be better served to publish the Yearbook at the conclusion of each calendar year. Many categories being published yearly are not the current years information. Doing so would then give us the ability to make our yearbook a historical record of all pertinent ABC Events for that calendar year. With the exclusion of the NSS catalog other items could be included. The cost of the publication would be supported as it is now by Ads and yearbook sales.

Action Item by Leslee Masolotte, Midwest Region Report,

Proposed Motion: I make the motion to limit the number of new field trials or Championships stakes per region when the dates conflict with the same dates as other regional clubs that are in close proximity. This action should include the ABC field trial date scheduler in coordination with regional board members.

Rationale: Too many Championship stakes are being added by a few clubs in the same geographical area and the field trial calendar schedule is not adequate to schedule for more regional clubs.

Action Item by Shawn R Macleod, Midwest Director

Proposed Motion: Reimbursement of Expenses for ABC Dog Wagon Refurbishment

This proposal is to request that the ABC Board of Directors approve reimbursement to Midwest member Scott Johnson in the amount of $3,300 for expenses personally incurred in the repair and refurbishment of the ABC dog wagon.

These expenses include $500 for the replacement of wheel bearings and an additional $2,800 for necessary repairs and refurbishment to restore the wagon to safe and reliable operating condition.

The reimbursement shall be made upon submission of appropriate documentation of the expenses incurred.

Rationale: The ABC dog wagon is an important asset supporting the successful operation of our National Field Championships. Midwest members Richard Beaver and Scott Johnson took the initiative to travel to Booneville, AR, and secure the wagon for the ABC. Recognizing the need for significant maintenance and repairs, Scott subsequently coordinated the necessary refurbishment and personally covered the associated costs.

These efforts have extended the useful life of the wagon, improved its safety and reliability, and helped preserve an important piece of equipment for continued use at ABC events.

Action Items by Robin Tomasi, Steve Cosgriff, Bob West, West Coast Directors

Proposed Motion: Add in the following language to the Dual Dog Award

Bench Champions entered and shown in Best of Breed competition shall receive an automatic 3 points toward the Dual Award. In addition, bench champions entered in any non-regular classes with single dog entries (such as Veteran, Dual Champion, National Qualifier, Field Trial Class, etc.) shall receive an automatic 3 points toward the Dual Award, however no additional points are to be accumulated for placements in these classes.

Rationale: Removed from the policy in the last revision and multiple requests from members to add it back in.

Proposed Motion: The American Brittany Club request that the American Kennel Club designate the winner of the National Open Walking Gun Dog Championship (NWGDC) be recorded a Field Champion, and the winner of the National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship (NAWGDC) be recorded an Amateur Field Champion.

Rationale: Currently the AKC Pointing Breed rules grants the winners of the NFC, NAFC, NGDC, and NAGDC a FC or AFC respectfully while the NWGDC and NAWGDC are awarded points towards their title. Changing the wording would treat all events equally.
https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RFTPNT.pdf

Section 12. A National Open All-Age Championship Stake for Brittanys may be run not more than once in 32 any calendar year, by the Parent Club for the breed. The stake shall be for dogs 6 months of age or over, which by reason of wins previously made in All- Age Stakes qualify under regulations made by the Parent Club, all of which regulations shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club. The winner of this stake, if registered in The American Kennel Club Stud Book, shall be recorded a Field Champion by The American Kennel Club, and shall be entitled to be designated "National Brittany Open All-Age Field Champion of 20__." (NFC)

Section 13. A National Open Gun Dog Championship stake for Brittanys shall be for dogs over 6 months of age, which by reason of wins previously made in Gun Dog stakes qualify under special rules approved by the Board of Directors. This stake shall be run not more than once in any calendar year by the Parent Club of the Breed and shall be designated a horseback stake. The winner of such stake shall become a Field Champion of Record if registered in The American Kennel Club Stud Book, and shall be entitled to be designated "National Brittany Open Gun Dog Field Champion of 20__." (NGDC)

Section 14. A National Amateur Gun Dog Championship Stake for Brittanys shall be for dogs over 6 months of age, which by reason of wins previously made in Gun Dog stakes qualify under special rules approved by the Board of Directors. This stake shall be run not more than once in any calendar year by the Parent Club of the Breed and shall be designated a horseback stake. The winner of such stake shall become an Amateur Field Champion of Record if registered in The American Kennel Club Stud Book, and shall be entitled to be designated "National Amateur Brittany Gun Dog Champion of 20__." (NAGDC)

Section 15. A National Amateur All-Age Championship Stake for Brittanys shall be held not more than once in any calendar year, and shall be for dogs which by reason of wins previously made qualify under regulations submitted by the Parent Club and approved by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club. The stake shall be held by the Parent Club which shall file an application for permission to run it under procedures approved in advance by The American Kennel Club. The winner of this stake, if registered in The American Kennel Club Stud Book, shall be recorded an Amateur Field Champion by The American Kennel Club and shall be entitled to be designated "National Amateur Brittany Field Champion of 20__." (NAFC)
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Section 16. A National Open Walking Gun Dog Championship stake for Brittanys shall be for dogs over 6 months of age, which by reason of wins previously made in Gun Dog stakes qualify under special rules approved by the Board of Directors. This stake shall be run not more than once in any calendar year by the Parent Club of the Breed and shall be designated a walking stake. Dogs placing in this stake shall be credited with championship points in accord with the schedule for Field Championships. The winner shall be entitled to be designated "National Walking Brittany Gun Dog Champion of 20__. (NWGDC)

Section 17. A National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship stake for Brittanys shall be for dogs over 6 months of age, which by reason of wins previously made in Gun Dog stakes qualify under special rules approved by the Board of Directors. This stake shall be run not more than once in any calendar year by the Parent Club of the Breed and shall be designated a walking stake. Dogs placing in this stake shall be credited with championship points in accord with the schedule for Amateur Field Championships. The winner shall be entitled to be designated "National Amateur Walking Brittany Gun Dog Champion of 20__."
(NAWGDC)

Proposed Motion: Brittany Designation as a Ramp-Optional Breed

I move that the American Brittany Club request that the American Kennel Club designate the Brittany as a ramp-optional breed in conformation events, at the discretion of the judge, through all levels of competition, including Breed, Group, and Best in Show judging, in accordance with applicable AKC policies.

Rationale: The breed standards committee had no recommendation on the ramp, and based on membership feedback, specifically those who compete in dogs shows, the support is for ramp optional status.

Proposed Motion: Approve the following qualifications for ABC National Field Championships starting in 2027

The National Amateur (All Age) Championship

6. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age that is a Field Champion (FC) or Amateur Field Champion (AFC) of record in the United States, and has one (1) placement in any Open or Amateur All Age stake with 8 or more dogs, or
7. in the preceding year placed in the National Amateur All Age Championship for Brittanys, or
8. which during the period from previous year's close of entries and the close of entries for the stake in the current year has placements in two (2) Open and/or Amateur All Age stakes with 8 or more dogs, held by a Brittany Club, in the United States.
9. Only an amateur may handle a dog in the National Amateur All Age stake.
10. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Amateur All Age Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Amateur All Age Championship will be ineligible to compete.

Only persons who, in the judgment of the Field Trial Committee, are qualified as amateurs as defined in Chapter 17, Section 2, of the AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, may serve as scouts in the National Amateur All Age Championship Stake.

The National (Open All Age) Championship

5. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over that is a Field Champion (FC) of record with AKC in the United States, and has one (1) placement in any Open All Age stake with 8 or more dogs, or
6. which in the preceding year placed the National Open All Age Championship for Brittanys, or
7. which during the period from previous year's close of entries and the close of entries for the stake in the current year has placements in two (2) Open All Age Stakes with 8 or more dogs, held by a Brittany Club, in the United States, or
8. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Open All Age Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Open All Age Championship will be ineligible to compete.

The National Amateur Gun Dog Championship

(Horseback & Walking)

5. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over that is a Field Champion (FC) or Amateur Field Champion (AFC) of record with AKC in the United States, and has one (1) placement in any Open or Amateur Gun Dog stake with 8 or more dogs, or
6. which in the preceding year placed in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship for Brittanys, or
7. which during the period from previous year's close of entries and the close of entries for the stake in the current year has placements in two (2) Open and/or Amateur Gun Dog stakes with 8 or more dogs, held by a Brittany Club, in the United States.
8. Only an amateur may handle a dog in the National Amateur Gun Dog stake.
6. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship will be ineligible to compete.

Only persons who, in the judgment of the Field Trial Committee, are qualified as amateurs as defined in Chapter 17, Section 2, of the AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, may serve as scouts in the National Amateur All Age Championship Stake.

The National (Open) Gun Dog Championship

(Horseback & Walking)

~~7.~~ Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over that is a Field Champion (FC), and has one (1) placement in any Open Gun Dog Stake with 8 or more dogs, or

8. which in the preceding year placed in the National Open Gun Dog Championship for Brittanys, or
9. which during the period from previous year's close of entries and the close of entries for the stake in the current year has placements in two (2) Open Gun Dog stakes with 8 or more dogs, held by a Brittany Club, in the United States.
10. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC. For all ABC events requiring DNA profiles, only AKC DNA will be accepted for dogs born on or after 1/1/2024. (2023)

Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Amateur All Age Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Amateur All Age Championship will be ineligible to compete.