



AMERICAN CANINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

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Subject: American Canine Education Foundation (ACEF) Semi-Annual Update to our Patrons and Supporters

To: American Canine Education Foundation Patrons and Supporters

UPCOMING EVENTS

A REMINDER. ALL ACEF EVENTS, INCLUDING OUR BASIC JUDGES AND BREED SPECIFIC GRADUATE INSTITUTES, ARE OPEN TO OUR PATRONS, BREEDERS AND EXHIBITORS, AS WELL AS JUDGES.

ACEF GRADUATE INSTITUTE WORKING GROUP CLEVELAND, OHIO DECEMBER 15 – 18, 2005

The ACEF Graduate Institute on all Working breeds was finalized to be held in Biloxi, MS in December of this year. For obvious reasons, it unfortunately had to be cancelled. The ACEF has been scrambling around to find a suitable replacement site. We were indeed fortunate when William Russet, Crown Classic Manager for the Classic shows, agreed to present the proposal to all the shows involved to see if they would sponsor ACEF's Graduate Institute in conjunction with their cluster. We received word that the clubs unanimously approved the proposal, and we're delighted still further when we received an enthusiastic call from Peg Gross, President of Western Reserve KC and the person in charge of seminar arrangements. All Working breeds will be covered by parent club approved patrons. If you are interested in being placed on the advanced mailing list, we can be reached by email scja@cox.net, phone (703) 451-5656, or writing to 7200 Tanager St. Springfield VA 22150, or also emailing ACEF Director of Education, Nina Sherrer, at acef04@yahoo.com. Please, when emailing us, put **2005 WORKING GROUP GRADUATE INSTITUTE, CLEVELAND, OH.** **Always include a day and evening telephone number with your emails.**

NEW YORK FEBRUARY 2006

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9th THROUGH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 2006. It's about that time of year again. We have already received several calls concerning New York. **YOU SHOULD MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW** for New York. The SCJA and the American Canine Education Foundation (ACEF) have signed their contracts for 2006 and have blocks of rooms reserved. Our patrons will have a thirty (30) day advance notice, then our block will be available to others. So we strongly recommend you make your reservations ASAP.

NEW YORK FEBRUARY 2006 (continued)

NEW YORK'S HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA, 401 7th Ave., New York, NY 10001 (across from the front entrance to the Garden on 7th Ave.) 1-800-223-8585. Tell them you want the "**SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES ASSOC. BLOCK**". "**WITHOUT OR WITH DOGS**", Feb. 7th - 8th and Feb. 15th - 16th rates of single/double \$109.00, triple \$124.00, quad \$139.00; "**WITHOUT DOGS**" Feb. 9th - 14th single/double \$179.00, triple \$194.00, quad \$209.00. "**WITH DOGS**", rates Feb. 9th - 14th single/double \$199.00, triple \$214.00, quad \$229.00. Premium rooms with dogs \$250.00 single through quad. The quoted rates "**WITH DOGS**" include maximum 4 dogs per room.

NEW YORKER HOTEL, (Ramada Inn & Plaza) 481 Eighth Ave. at 34th St. New York, NY 10001 (behind the Garden on 8th Ave.) 1-800-764-4680 or 1-212-971-0101. Booking Code: CGSCO6. Be sure you tell them you want the block for "**SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES GROUP**". Rates are single \$135.00, double \$155.00, triple \$175.00, Queen Suite \$199.00, King Suite \$225.00.

QUALITY HOTEL TIMES SQUARE 157 West 47th St. New York, NY 10036 1-212-827-1914
Be sure you tell them you want the block for "**SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES GROUP**". **THIS HOTEL DOES NOT ACCEPT DOGS.** Rates for Feb. 8th and Feb. 12th - 15th are single \$149.00, double \$169.00, two twin beds \$189.00. Rates for Feb. 9th - 11th are single \$189.00, double \$199.00, two twin beds \$209.00.

DRAWINGS FOR FREE HOTEL WEEKEND STAYS (2 nights): Most of you have attended the **ACEF Sunday night reception and dance** and know that we have drawings for free weekends at the hotel for those of you utilizing the ACEF and SCJA block of rooms at the New York's Hotel Pennsylvania or the New Yorker Hotel. Why not participate in the rates and the chance to **win a free weekend** in the Big Apple? Please return the form marked accordingly with your address to the ACEF to be eligible for the drawing for the free weekend stay.

There will be three separate drawings for free hotel weekend stays as follows:

1. ONE DRAWING FROM AMONG THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO INCLUDE A DONATION TO THE ACEF WITH THEIR PARTY RESERVATION FORM (enclosed)
2. ONE DRAWING FROM AMONG ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS STAYING AT HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA OR THE NEW YORKER HOTEL WHO RETURN THE FORM INCLUDED IN THIS LETTER. TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE STAYING AT THE NEW YORK'S HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA OR THE NEW YORKER HOTEL (enclosed - be sure to include your reservation number and the name of the hotel)
3. ONE DRAWING FROM AMONG THOSE ATTENDING THE PARTY (YOU MUST BE PRESENT AT THE PARTY TO WIN ANY OF THE ABOVE DRAWINGS)

ACEF RECEPTION & DANCE 2006

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 2006, COME CELEBRATE OUR 21st ANNUAL RECEPTION AND DANCE at the New York's Hotel Pennsylvania in the Penn Top Ballroom from 8:00PM to Midnight. Mark your

ACEF RECEPTION & DANCE 2006 (continued)

calendar, and don't miss the one really fun party that is well represented by a true cross-section of our sport. Everyone agrees the ACEF Sunday night party is the place to be for the friendliest, most enjoyable evening you can attend during the week's festivities. The success of the party, since its inception, is due to our basic policy. **IT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE AND ANYONE IN THE DOG GAME!** You don't have to be on anyone's special list or have to be a judge or member of any organization. You sure don't have to know anyone in "high" places. Everyone is welcome. Reservations will be strictly on first-come, first-serve basis.

IF YOU WILL BE IN NEW YORK, DO PLAN TO ATTEND. Everyone agrees our party is a really fun evening. No speeches, no programs; just a short time out for the free room drawings. Dress: gentlemen coat & tie; ladies accordingly. The cost of our reception and dance is \$50.00 per person. There will be plenty of good food, good music for dancing and most of all; there will be an "across the board" representation of the Dog World from newcomers to old timers and all in between: judges, provisional handlers and their enthusiastic young assistants, exhibitors, superintendents and officials. **YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SIT DOWN, ENJOY A DRINK AND CONVERSATION AND HAVE ROOM TO DANCE.** Party form is enclosed.

BOX SEATS FOR WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB SHOW

The Westminster Kennel Club has placed severe restrictions on the number of available box seats, and **NO ONE** can purchase more seats than they had last year. The SCJA has reserved a number of box seats, and the seats will go to our patrons on first-come, first-serve basis. Checks should be made out to the SCJA and mailed to the Chief Executive Officer by November 15th, 2005. Box seats are good for both dates' admission (Monday, February 13th and Tuesday, February 14th, 2006). A reserved box seat is \$100.00. Tickets and judging program will be sent in the latter part of January. **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE! THERE IS A LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE.**

Every year there are a number of people looking for a decent box seat. Additional seats will not be available this year. **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15th, 2005 BUT REMEMBER FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE.** Priority to SCJA and ACEF patrons for the first 30 days. When you send your check, **PLEASE INCLUDE A LARGE SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH AT LEAST \$0.60 POSTAGE PER TWO TICKETS (MORE POSTAGE FOR A LARGER NUMBER OF TICKETS) FOR US TO RETURN YOUR TICKETS AND PROGRAM.** **IMPORTANT - BE SURE YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ARE ON YOUR CHECK!!!** Checks made out to the **SCJA** for \$100.00 per box seat (good for both days)

ACEF GRADUATE INSTITUTE HERDING GROUP LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY MID-MARCH 2006

The ACEF has scheduled the Herding Group for our Graduate Institute in conjunction with the Kentuckiana cluster in Louisville, KY mid March 2006. Patrons have priority, so anyone desiring to be placed on the advanced mailing list, please let us know **NOW**. All Herding breeds will be covered by parent-club approved patrons. Everyone agrees the Kentuckiana cluster and fairgrounds provide one of the very best venues in the entire country. The cluster officials, Onofrio Dog Show staff, and the AKC cooperate 100%

ACEF GRADUATE INSTITUTE HERDING GROUP LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY MID-MARCH 2006 (continued)

to maintain the success it has been. If you are interested in being placed on the advanced mailing list, again we can be reached by email scja@cox.net, phone (703) 451-5656, or writing to 7200 Tanager St. Springfield VA 22150, or also emailing ACEF Director of Education, Nina Sherrer, at acef04@yahoo.com. Please, when emailing us, put **2006 HERDING GROUP GRADUATE INSTITUTE, LOUISVILLE, KY. Always include a day and evening telephone number with your emails.**

ACEF TO PLAY GREATER ROLE IN JUDGES' EDUCATION

Our newer patrons may not be aware that our original SCJA Education Fund was renamed The American Canine Education Foundation and made a separate 501(c)(3) tax- exempt educational corporation. The AKC some months ago requested the judges' organizations consider taking an even greater role in judging education. The AKC has always and is still cooperating with the SCJA and ACEF in every way possible. Accordingly, the ACEF Board has voted to plan on three Group specific Graduate Institutes rather than one and two Basic Judges Institutes per year rather than one. Plans are to have two of the Institutes at the same location each year and to rotate the other three around the country.

PAST EVENTS

ACEF'S 17th ANNUAL JUDGES INSTITUTE 2005

This year's Institute was held in the Washington, DC area. We had 45 in attendance from California in the West, to South Carolina and New Jersey in the East, and Texas in between. Everyone had a fun-filled educational week. SCJA Board member, Dr. Peter Emily, lectured on Anatomy and Movement. SCJA Board member, Mr. Edmund Sledzik, instructed in Judges Ethics, Management Guidelines for Judges; Ring Management and Procedures. Ms. Sydney Good addressed the class on the AKC Field Representatives duties and relationship with their judges. Ms. Terri Bounty covered the relationship between the show chairs and their judges. Mr. David Keene, Delegate to the AKC for the Collin County Kennel Club, gave a great lecture on the relationship between exhibitor and judge with a bit of humor thrown in. Ms. Kathy Lorentzen, UKC Director of Education, did a great job of explaining the UKC shows and the differences from the AKC dog shows. ACEF's Director of Education, Mrs. Nina Sherrer, did an outstanding job of administrating the Institute. She was very ably assisted by Linda (Lynn) Wendt, SCJA's administrative assistant to the CEO. SCJA member, Bill Hossler, donated his time to looking over the detailed audio-visual requirements. SCJA Board Member, Victoria Jordan-Leichner, attended the Institute as well. AKC Executive Secretary, James Crowley, lectured on AKC Rules, Regulations and Judging Guidelines, Bench Show Committee Hearings and Trial Boards, and also presented the gradation certificates to our students. Col. Pedé commented that the ACEF was indeed fortunate that we had the #1 authority to be lecturing on the subject of the AKC. Mr. Crowley was our after-dinner speaker at the Graduation Dinner, and he had students and guests laughing throughout at his humorous story on the Senior Conformation Judges Association's founding and mission.

ACEF'S 17th ANNUAL JUDGES INSTITUTE 2005 (continued)

As Jim indicated, he should know as he has attended 16 of our annual 17 Institutes. Jim's speech and roasting of our CEO and the SCJA will appear on SCJA's website www.scja.org.

ACEF GRADUATE COURSE ON THE NON-SPORTING GROUP LOUISVILLE, KY MARCH 16-20th, 2005

The ACEF held a very successful Graduate Institute on the Non-Sporting breeds in conjunction with the Kentuckiana cluster in Louisville, KY last March 2005.

ACEF'S CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ATTESTING TO AN INDIVIDUAL'S QUALIFICATION TO JUDGE A SPECIFIC BREED

The ACEF conducted what we believe to be one of the most comprehensive and meaningful examinations to determine a prospective judge's qualification to be approved for a particular breed. The procedure was conducted in Louisville, KY in conjunction with the Kentuckiana cluster and the ACEF's Graduate Institute on the Non-Sporting Group this past March. Two individuals who intended to apply for Poodles volunteered to participate in the ACEF's program to determine their judging qualifications on a particular breed. Three Poodles were presented by three experienced exhibitors of the breed in the manner as would occur in the show ring. The two prospective applicants and the three individuals making the determination as to the qualifications of the two applicants examined each dog, and then all five observed the same movement coming and going and side movement on a standard matted surface of approximately forty feet. Then individually, the prospective applicants privately critiqued each exhibit to the three examiners after which each applicant then individually sat with the three examiners for approximately thirty minutes of discussion on the three Poodle exhibits in particular and the breed in general.

The three individuals passing judgment on the two applicants had the following qualifications: one of the three examiners was an all-breed judge judging forty years; the next examiner was the Poodle Club of America's Education Chairperson and multiple-Group judge; the third examiner was a Poodle breeder of over 20 years who had bred many champions. These individuals certified that, in their opinion, one of the applicants was qualified to pass judgment on the breed. The three examiners were aware that the individual intended to make their certification a part of his/her AKC official application. It will be attached to the individual's official AKC application for Poodles under the provisions that allows an applicant to include any other information that the AKC approval committee might find useful in determining their being qualified to be granted provisional status to judge a breed. We plan to select a Working Breed or two and do the same procedure at Cleveland.

ANY OF OUR PATRONS THAT PLAN TO BE IN CLEVELAND IN DECEMBER AND WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM SHOULD LET US KNOW BY SEPARATE EMAIL, OR IF THEY ARE ATTENDING THE GRADUATE WORKING GROUP INSTITUTE, THEY CAN INCLUDE THE INFORMATION ON THEIR REGISTRATION FORM WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO ALL THOSE INDICATING AN INTEREST IN ATTENDING.

ACEF PATRONS' SUPPORT

The IAMS Company **had for years** supported the ACEF with an annual donation since our inception in 1985. Since they have co-sponsored the AKC Classic with its huge cash prizes, they are no longer contributing to our educational programs for judges and breeders.

We have never had annual dues for ACEF patrons, rather we have asked each of you to consider making a small contribution to the ACEF to help make up for the lost annual revenue from the IAMS Company. Most of you who have attended our Institutes and other events are aware that we have put them on for less than the actual cost. We would appreciate your consideration. Patron Form enclosed.

WORTHY OF NOTE THE ACEF PAYS NO RENT, NO UTILITIES, NO SALARIES. All of us are volunteers, and a good many even donate their own funds for travel and other expenses. We appreciate your consideration.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT PATRONS, YOU MAY COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED PATRON FORM. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS AN ACEF PATRON AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN ANNUAL DONATION, YOU MAY DO SO BY INCLUDING YOUR NAME AT THE TOP OF THE FORM AND THEN COMPLETING THE BOTTOM OF THE FORM FOR YOUR DONATION. Any change of address should be furnished and **please include an email address.**

For those patrons coming to our New York party, we have used the standard party form, so please excuse the provision on the party form for an additional contribution.

Looking forward to seeing you in Cleveland, New York or Louisville, hope you can make one, two or all three of our functions!

RECAP

Box Seats @ \$100.00 each, (good for both days) check made out to SCJA.

ACEF Party @ \$50.00 each, check made out to ACEF.

Both should be mailed to 7200 Tanager St., Springfield, VA 22150

If you email please include a day and evening phone number where you can be reached. We do not have the staff to respond to a large number of emails. If you have any questions, please feel free to phone at 703-451-5656.

Warm Regards,

Wallace H. Pedé
Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures: Forms for ACEF Party, Patron, Drawing for Free Weekend in NY and Box Seats.



NEW YORK PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 2006

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

DANCING 8:00PM - MIDNIGHT

HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES 8:00PM - 10:00PM

\$50.00 Per Person Cash Bar Dress: Semi-Formal

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

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PLEASE PRINT

Last Name First

Address City State/ZC

Day Phone (include area code) Evening Phone (include area code)

Guest Name & Address (if known)

OF PEOPLE _____ x \$50.00 @ person = \$ _____ TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION \$ _____

CHECK TO ACEF ENCLOSED FOR \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ACEF and mail to ACEF 7200 Tanager St. Springfield, VA 22150 DO NOT BE CONCERNED THAT YOUR PLANS MAY CHANGE AT THE LAST MINUTE. REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AS LATE AS FEBRUARY 5th, 2006. A CALL WILL SUFFICE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CANCELLATION: (703) 451-5656.



REQUEST FOR WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB BOX SEATS 2006

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE: DAY _____ EVENING _____ CELL _____

NUMBER OF BOX SEATS _____ @ \$100.00 CHECK TO SCJA ENCLOSED \$ _____

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

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DRAWING FOR FREE WEEKEND HOTEL STAY

AFTER YOU MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS, RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCJA AT 7200 Tanager St., Springfield, VA 22150. IT WILL BE INCLUDED IN A DRAWING FOR A FREE WEEKEND IN NEW YORK AT ONE OF OUR HOTELS.

AMERICAN CANINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OR SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES ASSOCIATION ROOM BLOCK AT HOTELS IN NEW YORK

LAST NAME (please print)

FIRST NAME (please print)

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE/ZC

DAY PHONE

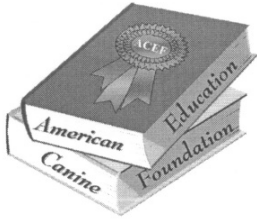
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STAYING AT THE NEW YORK'S HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA _____ (Yes or No)

Reservation # _____ Date In _____ Date Out _____

STAYING AT THE NEW YORKER HOTEL _____ (Yes or No)

Reservation # _____ Date In _____ Date Out _____



AMERICAN CANINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

PATRON (Please Print)

Name: _____
Last First MI

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Day Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Occupation: _____ (If retired, former occupation)

Original Breed(s) Owned: _____
(Please give "owned as of" date)

Are you an Approved Parent Club Mentor: _____ If so, for which Breed(s): _____

Please list other areas of expertise (speaker, breed presenter, writer, public relations, word processor, etc.) which may be useful to further the goals and aims of the ACEF.

Signature _____ Date _____

The ACEF is an IRS approved 501 (c)(3) Tax-Exempt Educational Association.

Anyone interested in helping with the Education of our Breeders, Judges, and Exhibitors is invited to become a PATRON. All PATRONS will be kept informed of, and given the opportunity to participate in, all ACEF Educational Courses and Events.

DONATION: _____ \$20 _____ \$40 _____ \$50 Other \$ _____

Send completed application with
Check Payable to ACEF to:

**ACEF - Patron
7200 Tanager Street
Springfield, VA 22150**