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2008 Fall Newsletter

Director of Education

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Subject: American Canine Education Foundation (ACEF) Annual Update and Fund-Raising Drive

To: American Canine Education Foundation Patrons and Supporters

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

CONCERNING AKC'S FINANCIAL LOSS DUE TO THE SEVERE DECLINE IN REGISTRATIONS

Although many of our ACEF patrons and supporters are not judges, certainly all of you are deeply involved in the sport as breeders, exhibitors, handlers and parent or all-breed kennel club officers or members. Most certainly, anything affecting the AKC and the dog show world affects all of you.

The AKC has made everyone aware of the drastic reduction in registrations which has affected their income. Various sources, including the dog publications and their writers, have indicated and suggested various steps the AKC should be taking to reduce their overall expenses from consolidating the New York office with the North Carolina office to reconsidering the salaries paid to top executives and to what some writers have referred to as a rather lavish retirement plan with a short time required to be vested. Concerning the nation's financial melt down, these issues are being discussed at the national level in Congress and the Executive Branch. Some pundits within the AKC world think the AKC should also review these issues.

Judges education is an area the ACEF has unquestioned expertise and was the leader in establishing judges education twenty-five (25) years ago. The AKC has indicated they spend over a million dollars a year on judges education and had considered means to save in this area. They actually considered turning judges education over to the national judges group a few years back.

The national judges groups have been involved in educating our judges at no cost to the AKC. We can't speak for the other two national judges groups, but all of ACEF's instructors and staff, like the thousands of you volunteers involved in putting on AKC dog shows and other doggie events, are volunteers. No one is reimbursed for their services. AKC's large expenditures come from high salaries paid to the staff and executives involved in judges education. AKC often comments they spend over a million dollars annually on judges education. If AKC is, indeed, looking for ways to save money, they can certainly turn over judges education back to the national judges groups who have been involved in it for years. In the case of the American Canine Education Foundation, the ACEF started judges education on a national basis twenty-five (25) years ago. It is not hard to realize there is an abundance of educational experience amongst the over 3,000 judges. The ACEF believes the AKC could save their millions of dollars by turning judges education back over to the national judges groups who have no high salaried employees and no expensive retirement system to contend with. Most importantly, with the judges groups conducting judges education, there will be judges educating judges (not exactly a novel approach).

We would like to hear from some of you on this subject or on any others.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WESTMINSTER WEEK

NEW YORK FEBRUARY 4th – 11th, 2009

We strongly recommend you make your reservations ASAP.

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**". Feb. 4th, 5th & 11th rates of \$149 for one bed and \$174 for two beds. Feb. 6th - 10th rates of \$239 for one bed and \$264 for two beds. Premium rooms with dogs are \$329 for one bed and \$354 for two beds.

NEW YORKER HOTEL, 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: CGSCJ9. Feb. 4th – 11th, 2009. Be sure you tell them you want the block for "**SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES GROUP**". Rates are *NEW YORKER 1 QUEEN* - single \$195.00, double \$195.00, triple \$220.00; *NEW YORKER DELUXE 2 DOUBLES & RUN OF HOUSE* - single \$215.00, double \$215.00, triple \$240.00; *PLAZA SUITE 2 DOUBLES* - single \$275.00, double \$275.00, triple \$300.00.

Anyone interested in looking for a roommate, let us know. We will put you in touch with each other.

ACEF RECEPTION & DANCE 2009

Unlike just about everything else, the cost of our reception has remained the same for the past 15 years.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 2009, COME CELEBRATE OUR 25th ANNUAL RECEPTION AND DANCE at the New York's Hotel Pennsylvania in the Penn Top Ballroom from 7:30PM to Midnight. Mark your calendar, and don't miss a really fun party that is well represented by a true cross-section of our sport. Everyone agrees the ACEF Sunday night party is the place to be for a friendly and enjoyable evening. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

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

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

BOX SEATS FOR WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB SHOW

The Westminster Kennel Club has placed severe restrictions on the number of available box seats, and NO ONE can purchase more seats than they had last year. The SCJA has reserved a number of box seats through the years, and

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priority will go to SCJA members and ACEF patrons. Checks should be made out to the SCJA and mailed to the Chief Executive Officer by November 20th, 2008. Box seats are good for both dates' admission (Monday, February 9th and Tuesday, February 10th, 2009). A reserved box seat ticket is \$130.00 per ticket. Tickets and judging programs will be sent in the latter part of January 2009. Box seat ticket request forms are enclosed with this newsletter (*on reverse side of party form*) and on the SCJA web site at www.scja.org. **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 20th, 2008 BUT REMEMBER FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE. PRIORITY TO SCJA MEMBERS AND ACEF PATRONS FOR THE FIRST 20 DAYS.** When you send your check, **PLEASE INCLUDE A LARGE SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH AT LEAST 3 STAMPS FOR POSTAGE PER TWO TICKETS & PROGRAM (MORE POSTAGE FOR A LARGER NUMBER OF TICKETS) FOR US TO RETURN YOUR TICKETS. REMEMBER PROGRAMS ARE INCLUDED WITH TICKETS. IMPORTANT - BE SURE YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ARE ON YOUR CHECK!!!** Checks made out to the **SCJA** for \$130.00 per box seat (good for both days).

ACEF GRADUATE INSTITUTE WORKING GROUP LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY MARCH 11th – 15th, 2009

The ACEF has scheduled the Working Group for our Graduate Institute in conjunction with the Kentuckiana cluster in Louisville, KY for Wednesday, March 11th through Sunday, March 15th, 2009. No matter which Working breed you need, it will be covered. Everyone agrees the Kentuckiana cluster and fairgrounds provide one of the very best venues in the entire country. The cluster officials, Onofrio Dog Show staff and AKC cooperate 100% to maintain the success it has been. All Working breeds will be covered by parent club approved members. SCJA members and ACEF patrons have priority, so anyone desiring to be placed on the advance mailing list, please let us know **NOW**. You may advise us on the patron form that you return, or we can be reached by email scja@cox.net, phone (703) 451-5656, or writing to ACEF 7200 Tanager St., Springfield, VA 22150, or also emailing ACEF Director of Education, Nina Sherrer, at acef04@yahoo.com. Please, when emailing us, put **2009 WORKING GROUP GRADUATE INSTITUTE, LOUISVILLE, KY.** Always include a day and evening telephone number with your emails.

SCJA'S ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Plans are to hold SCJA's Annual Dinner Meeting in Louisville, KY in conjunction with the ACEF Working Group Graduate Institute and the Kentuckiana cluster of shows. The dinner and meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14th, 2009. **Details will be sent to those indicating on their returned patron form they plan to be in Louisville in March.**

ACEF'S 21st ANNUAL INSTITUTE 2009

Plans are to hold ACEF's 21st Judges Institute in Washington, DC in August 2009. Anyone interested in receiving details when available, please let us know by email scja@cox.net, or writing to ACEF 7200 Tanager St., Springfield, VA 22150, or also emailing ACEF Director of Education, Nina Sherrer, at acef04@yahoo.com. Please, when emailing us, put **2009 JUDGES INSTITUTE, WASHINGTON, DC.** Always include a day and evening telephone number with your emails. **Details will be sent to those indicating on their returned patron form they plan to be in Washington, DC in August.**

PAST EVENTS

ACEF'S 20th ANNUAL INSTITUTE 2008

This year's Institute was held at the Fiesta Henderson Casino & Hotel in Henderson, NV. Students came from all around the country. Everyone had a fun-filled educational week. SCJA President, Dr. Peter Emily, lectured on Anatomy & Movement. SCJA Secretary, Mr. Christopher Abraham, instructed in Judges Ethics, Management Guidelines for Judges; Ring Management and Procedures. Mr. David Keene gave an interesting lecture on the relationship between exhibitor and judge with a bit of humor thrown in. Mr. Wayne Cavanaugh, UKC President, along with UKC VP, Mr. Mark Threlfall, did a great job of explaining UKC's mission and operating procedures. Mr. Michael Connell, Silver State Kennel Club President, gave an interesting lecture on the relationship between show chairman and judge. We also had a panel of Group judges consisting of Ms. Sandy Wheat, Ms. Victoria Jordan-Leichner and Col. Wally Pedé who fielded questions from the students. This proved an interesting session and could have gone on for another hour. ACEF's Director of Education, Mrs. Nina Sherrer, did her usual outstanding job of administrating the Institute. The class book was outstanding as was all the administrative details during the week. She was very ably assisted by Linda (Lynn) Wendt, SCJA's administrative assistant to the CEO. **REMEMBER, NO ONE RECEIVES ANY REMUNERATION FOR THE HOURS AND HOURS THEY PUT IN FOR THE AMERICAN CANINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (ACEF).** AKC Executive Secretary, James Crowley, lectured on AKC Rules, Regulations and Judging Guidelines, Bench Show Committee Hearings and Trial Boards, and also presented the graduation 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. As Jim indicated, he should know as he has attended 19 out of 20 of the ACEF's annual Judges Institutes. Jim's speech and **roasting of our CEO and the SCJA** will appear on the SCJA web site www.scja.org. You need the atmosphere to appreciate it, but it makes for good reading.

Looking forward to seeing you in New York, Louisville and/or Washington, DC. Hope you can make one or all of our functions!

RECAP

ACEF Patron Tax Deductible Donation Form

Box Seats @ \$130.00 each, (good for both days) check made out to SCJA.

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

All 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 us at (703) 451-5656.



NEW YORK PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 2009

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

DANCING 8:00PM - MIDNIGHT

BUFFET 7:30PM - 9:30PM

\$50.00 Per Person

CASH Bar

Dress: Semi-Formal

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

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PLEASE PRINT (Address Label Preferred)

Last Name

First

Address

City

State/ZC

Day Phone (incl. area code)

Evening Phone (incl. area code)

Email Address

Guest Name, Address & Email Address

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 4th, 2009. A CALL WILL SUFFICE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CANCELLATION: (703) 451-5656.

OVER



REQUEST FOR WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB BOX SEATS 2009

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE: DAY _____ EVENING _____ CELL _____

NUMBER OF BOX SEATS _____ @ \$130.00/ticket CHECK TO SCJA ENCLOSED \$ _____

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



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PATRON SUPPORT

PLEASE CHECK ONE

Presently an ACEF Patron _____

New ACEF Patron _____

The ACEF's mission, as an IRS approved 501(c)(3) tax-exempt educational association, is to educate those within the dog world from canine anatomy and AKC trial board procedures to AKC rules affecting all participants and to prepare those who one day wish to become judges.

WORTHY OF NOTE: NO ONE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACEF RECEIVES ANY REMUNERATION FOR THEIR SERVICES. Further, there are no normal everyday expenses, i.e. rent, utilities and the like. We appreciate your consideration. The ACEF's total operating revenue is based solely on donations from our patrons. Please indicate your patron status by checking the appropriate box above. **ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

A reminder. All ACEF patrons, together with the Senior Conformation Judges Association members, are given priority in attending all ACEF educational courses and events. **PLEASE INCLUDE A PHONE NUMBER WHEN EMAILING!**

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.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name (address label preferred): _____
Last First MI

Address: _____
Street City State/ZC

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

E-Mail (please print clearly): _____

Occupation: _____ (if retired, former occupation)

Are You an Approved Parent Club Mentor: _____ If so, For Which Breed(s): _____

Do you plan to be in: New York in Feb. _____ Louisville, KY in March _____ Washington, DC August 09 _____

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. **DON'T BE BASHFUL!**

Signature

Date

DONATION: ___\$25.00 ___\$40.00 ___\$50.00 ___ Other \$ _____

Send completed application with check payable to ACEF to:

ACEF 7200 Tanager St. Springfield, VA 22150



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