



# AMERICAN CANINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## PATRON SUPPORT

### PLEASE CHECK ONE

Presently an ACEF Patron \_\_\_\_\_

New ACEF Patron \_\_\_\_\_

THE ACEF IS AN IRS APPROVED 501 (c)(3) TAX-EXEMPT EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION. 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.**

All ACEF patrons, together with the Senior Conformation Judges Association judges, are given priority in attending all ACEF educational courses and events.

For those who are not patrons, you may complete this form. For those who have previously registered as an ACEF patron, please include your name on the form below, and then complete the bottom of the form for any donation you care to make. **CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE OR EMAIL SHOULD BE FURNISHED.**

**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.**

**WORTHY OF NOTE: THE ACEF PAYS NO RENT, NO UTILITIES, NO SALARIES.** All of us are volunteers, and a good many donate their own funds for travel and other expenses. We appreciate your consideration. **PLEASE INCLUDE A PHONE NUMBER WHEN EMAILING!**

### PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name (address label preferred): \_\_\_\_\_  
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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. \_\_\_\_\_ Wildwood, NJ in Feb. \_\_\_\_\_ Las Vegas, NV Summer 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

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!**

**Please indicate if you are a Club Show Chair, President, Officer or Delegate (circle any that apply)**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION:**    \_\_\_\$20.00    \_\_\_\$40.00    \_\_\_\$50.00    \_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed application with check payable to ACEF to:

ACEF    7200 Tanager St.    Springfield, VA 22150



# AMERICAN CANINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

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## *Fall 2009 Newsletter*

*To All ACEF Patrons & Supporters*

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## AMERICAN CANINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (ACEF) ANNUAL NEWSLETTER & FUND-RAISING DRIVE

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.

The ACEF cannot carry on its work of educating breeders and other aspiring judges without your support for which we are grateful. Worthy of note: **No one in the ACEF receives any remuneration for their time. A good many individuals donate their travel expenses as well. The ACEF has no expenses for rent or utilities.** You may utilize the enclosed patron form, and please answer the appropriate questions on the bottom of the form.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Don't forget to answer the questions on the patron form (enclosed) concerning your interests in upcoming events and mail it in with any donation you wish to make. Please return the form since it asks for other information along with any donation to ACEF 7200 Tanager St. Springfield, VA 22150.

(In the past, to make it easy for you, we enclosed a self-addressed envelope to return your donation & answers. In order to save the organization hundreds of dollars in postage and many hours of preparing a mailing, we are emailing this trusting that you won't mind volunteering the few minutes to address an envelope.) 😊 Your cooperation is appreciated. **WHY NOT DO IT NOW WHILE IT IS FRESH ON YOUR MIND?**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEW YORK FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

We strongly recommend you make your reservations ASAP!

NEW YORK'S HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA, 401 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., New York, NY 10001 (across from the front entrance to the Garden on 7th Ave.) 1-800-223-8585 or 1-212-736-5000. Be sure you tell them you want the "SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES ASSOC. BLOCK". Rates for Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> are \$149 for one bed and \$174 for two beds, with or without dogs. Without dogs, rates for Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> are \$189 for one bed and \$214 for two beds. With dogs, rates for

## **NEW YORK FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (con't.)**

Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> are \$229 for one bed and \$254 for two beds. Premium rooms with dogs are \$279 for one bed and \$354 for two beds. Two-night minimum stay required. The above rates are subject to 8.375% sales tax, 5.875% state tax, \$2.00 occupancy tax and \$1.50 state hotel tax. Check in 3PM and check out 12 noon.

**NEW YORKER HOTEL**, 481 Eighth Ave. at 34<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10001 (behind the Garden on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.) 1-800-764-4680 or 1-212-971-0101. Booking Code: CGSCJ10. Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Be sure you tell them you want the block for "**SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES GROUP**". Run of the House or Plaza Suite two doubles: single or double \$279; triple \$304.00; quad \$329. One queen or deluxe two doubles: single or double \$209; triple \$234; quad \$259. All rooms are subject to all taxes.

**AGAIN, WE SUGGEST YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!**

**Anyone interested in looking for a roommate, let us know via email but include a phone number and address. We will put you in touch with each other.**

## **ACEF BUFFET DINNER & DANCE 2010**

**Unlike just about everything else, the cost of our buffet reception has remained the same for the past 16 years. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Valentine's Day. COME CELEBRATE OUR 26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BUFFET 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. **Last year, we were delighted to have overseas guests from Brazil, Mexico, France, Italy England and Australia.** 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 buffet 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 form or via email [wally@k9education.org](mailto:wally@k9education.org).) **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 our web site [www.k9education.org](http://www.k9education.org) or [www.scja.org](http://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 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Box seats are good for both dates' admission (Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010). A reserved box seat ticket is \$130.00 per ticket. Tickets and judging programs will be

## **BOX SEATS FOR WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB SHOW (con't.)**

sent in the latter part of January 2010. Box seat ticket request forms are enclosed with this newsletter (on reverse side of party form) and on our web site. **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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 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). If you email us for any reason, always include a day and evening phone number.

## **ACEF GRADUATE INSTITUTE TOY GROUP IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ATLANTIC COAST CLASSIC CLUSTER WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

The ACEF has scheduled the Toy Group for our Graduate Institute in conjunction with the Atlantic Coast Classic cluster in Wildwood, New Jersey for Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. No matter which Toy breed you need, it will be covered. Everyone agrees the Atlantic Coast Classic cluster and new convention center right by the ocean provide one of the very best venues in the entire country. The show superintendent, MB-F and The American Kennel Club have cooperated 100% in announcing the ACEF Toy Group Graduate Institute. The Cluster/Show Chairperson and the clubs are donating the classroom with audio equipment and dining room facilities which obviously result in a lower cost to all the attendees. All Toy breeds will be covered by parent club approved mentors. Senior Conformation Judges Association (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 [wally@k9education.org](mailto:wally@k9education.org) or phone (703) 451-5656, or emailing ACEF Director of Education, Nina Sherrer, at [nina@k9education.org](mailto:nina@k9education.org). Please, when emailing us, put **2010 TOY GROUP GRADUATE INSTITUTE, WILDWOOD, NJ. Always include a day and evening telephone number with your emails.**

## **SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES ASSOCIATION (SCJA) ANNUAL MEETING**

SCJA's Annual Meeting will be held in Wildwood, NJ in conjunction with the ACEF Toy Group Graduate Institute and the Atlantic Coast Classic cluster of shows. The meeting will be held on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. **Details will be sent to those indicating on their returned patron form they plan to be in Wildwood in February.** All patrons are welcome to attend the judges meeting.

## **ACEF'S 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL JUDGES INSTITUTE 2010**

Plans are to hold ACEF's 22<sup>nd</sup> Judges Institute in Las Vegas, Nevada in July or August 2010. Anyone interested in receiving details when available, please let us know on the enclosed patron form that you return, or by email [wally@k9education.org](mailto:wally@k9education.org) or emailing ACEF Director of Education, Nina Sherrer, at [nina@k9education.org](mailto:nina@k9education.org). Please, when emailing us, put **2010 JUDGES INSTITUTE, LAS VEGAS, NV. 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 Las Vegas, NV next July or August.**

## JUDGES' EDUCATION --- THE AMERICAN CANINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (ACEF) – SCJA'S AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION

When it comes to judges' education, the latest action by AKC insisting that new judges **MUST** attend an AKC Basic Course is absolutely unbelievable. The Senior Conformation Judges Association (SCJA) has, for the past five years, been recommending to the AKC Judges Department that we should recognize the need for a Basic Course for new judges - that there was more to judging than just breed knowledge. When the Judges Department finally bought our suggestion, their first effort was a one and a half day Basic Course. The SCJA objected in writing to Mr. Gaeta's informing the new judges, in an official letter to the new judges, that his newly-established one and a half day Basic Course was the best thing an aspiring judge could do to start their judging career. When we learned of this letter to all new judges, we wrote an official letter asking **Mr. Gaeta's supervisors to assure themselves** that Gaeta's one and a half day course was, in fact, superior to the ACEF's then twenty-one year old, week long Basic Course. AKC's Chief Operating Officer (COO), supervisor of VP of Dog Show Judges, had personally requested SCJA's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to forward SCJA correspondence addressed to the AKC Judges Department through him. We did just that with our official letter questioning the propriety of Mr. Gaeta's letter to the new judges --- to our amazement, the official AKC reply came back signed by no other than, you guessed it, Mr. Gaeta himself! In all fairness to AKC's COO, he would have had no knowledge of what had transpired until he was called by SCJA's CEO. Once the incoming correspondence passed through the AKC COO's office, he would have had no way of knowing that his subordinate, the subject of the complaint, decided to answer SCJA's letter himself having signed AKC's official reply to SCJA's letter. This will give you some idea of the difficulty working with the AKC Judges Department. They are pretty set in their ways and are loathe to criticism. No one jumps up and down with joy when they are criticized; however, there is such a thing as an over reaction, and some individuals believe vindictive is a more appropriate word. Most AKC officers and staff realize, in the dog world, they are public figures and are subject to critical comments.

In effect, by approving the "MUST" attend policy, the AKC Board has approved a proposal by the Judges Department's attempt to put the ACEF twenty-three year old, IRS approved tax-exempt organization out of business. Apparently the AKC did not like the fact that the ACEF offered their education to all judges including UKC judges as well as some of the national parent breed clubs that remained independent of the AKC at the time of their breed's recognition by AKC. One must wonder if the AKC ever heard of the FEDERAL ANTITRUST LAWS? The ACEF Board has decided not to let this one rest. We have spoken directly to some of the AKC Board members about rescinding the "MUST" and replacing the "must" with "*an approved*" Basic Course. There is no way, as far as the amount of knowledge gained, that AKC's one day course comes even close to the ACEF's week long Basic Course that started off judges' education twenty-three years ago. There wasn't a judges' education office at the AKC until the SCJA started judges' education, and now, lo and behold, the AKC Judges Department wants to put the ACEF out of business.

## DELEGATES' ROLE

We have contacted some of the AKC Delegates, who Bill Kendrick often referred to as the "sleeping giants", and have been involved with them in attempting to change a few things in need of change. The Delegates have been reminded, as has the AKC Board, that ARTICLE IX of AKC's constitution and bylaws mandates that they must comply with all the other provisions of their bylaws. Accordingly and dead-on-point, ARTICLE XIX of their constitution and bylaws entitled "**RULES**" (*not to be confused with AKC's RULES themselves*) states unequivocally, "*The Delegates to the AKC shall have sole power to make the rules governing dog shows and field trials and the clubs or associations formed to conduct them.*" So clearly, the only ones who can change the rules are the Delegates. **Not the staff and not the AKC Board.** CHAPTER 7 of AKC's RULES covers judges including the requirements to apply. Those interested in reading full details on this may go to our web site [www.scja.org](http://www.scja.org).

**THIS IS NOT THE END OF THE STORY.** There are serious questions to be resolved regarding the Internal Revenue Service's clarification of the IRS directives concerning corporate relationships and limitations which corporations may place on independent contractors. (AKC judges are independent contractors.) There are also serious questions involving the FEDERAL ANTITRUST LAWS which are enforced by the FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION. The SCJA **alone**

## **DELEGATES' ROLE (con't.)**

made a similar point on the antitrust violations two years ago when the AKC Board had to rescind their overreaching illegal policy stating our AKC judges could not judge for any other registry.

Your Board will not sit idly by and allow twenty three years of volunteer work by hundreds of our members and others throughout the dog world to become inconsequential by the AKC Judges Department. This proposed action is nothing more than an addition to the requirements to be a judge contained in CHAPTER 7 of AKC RULES. We have pointed out that the Delegates are the only ones who can change a rule. The AKC Board can still correct the problem, and we will, of course, work with them. It is our understanding that a few of the AKC Board members were sympathetic to ACEF's position, and some have suggested that we resubmit for further consideration. We will request an AKC Board member make a motion and have another AKC Board member to second the motion. This is necessary to have the AKC Board members vote "yes" or "no" on the "MUST ATTEND AN AKC BASIC INSTITUTE" issue. The Delegates and the entire dog world will then know the AKC Chairman and all Board members' positions on this very important issue.

## **PLEASE CHECK OUR WEB SITE [WWW.K9EDUCATION.ORG](http://WWW.K9EDUCATION.ORG)!**

All information is posted on our web site [www.k9education.org](http://www.k9education.org). Please check regularly for all updates.

Looking forward to seeing you in Wildwood, New Jersey, New York Westminster Week and/or Las Vegas, Nevada. Hope you can make one or more 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.**

**FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON THE BOTTOM OF THE PATRON FORM AND RETURN IT ASAP – WHY NOT TODAY?**



# NEW YORK PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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 THE NEW YORK'S HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA OR THE NEW YORKER WHERE WE HAVE A BLOCK OF ROOMS.**

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## 2010 NEW YORK PARTY

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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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. A CALL WILL SUFFICE FOR NOTIFICATION OF  
CANCELLATION: (703) 451-5656



# REQUEST FOR WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB BOX SEATS 2010

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 ½) 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.**