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February 2025 Update to Clubs

Basset Fauve de Bretagne to join the Hound Group

The AKC Board of Directors at its February 2025 meeting voted to approve the acceptance of the Basset Fauve de Bretagne into the AKC Stud Book and eligible for competition in regular breed classes and to compete in the Hound Group **effective January 1, 2026.**

Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka to join the Toy Group

The AKC Board of Directors at its February 2025 meeting voted to approve the acceptance of the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka into the AKC Stud Book and eligible for competition in regular breed classes and to compete in the Toy Group **effective January 1, 2026.**

Dealing with Misconduct - New Discipline Guidelines Offenses & Penalties - Effective February 26, 2025

The health and wellbeing of all dogs at AKC events is paramount. After a review of the AKC Discipline Guidelines and in consultation with AKC's Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr. Jerry Klein, the AKC Board of Directors approved two new offenses and associated penalties for individuals that **knowingly** bring dogs that have been diagnosed or exposed to communicable diseases on AKC event grounds. This change is not intended to punish the individual that arrives at an event with a healthy dog that subsequently becomes ill during the events and immediately removes the dog from the grounds. This change is intended to provide Event Committees with authority and recourse should an exhibitor

knowingly bring a dog onto the event grounds that has been diagnosed or exposed to a communicable disease, putting other dogs on the grounds of the AKC event at risk. The Event Committee would need to have proof (e.g., diagnosis from a veterinarian, verbal acknowledgement by the exhibitor) of the diagnosis prior to attending the event in order to uphold the charges. The AKC Discipline Guidelines on the AKC website and in the *Dealing with Misconduct at American Kennel Club Events* booklet will be updated to reflect the new offenses and penalties listed below:

Inappropriate Treatment of Animals

Knowingly bringing a dog on event grounds within 30 days of displaying the first clinical signs of communicable disease.

Mitigated: 3mo/\$300 Standard: 6 mo/\$500 Aggravated: Up to life/up to \$10,000

Knowingly bringing a dog on event grounds within 14 days of it being in contact with another dog displaying signs of communicable disease.

Mitigated: 1 mo/\$100 Standard: 3mo/\$300 Aggravated: Up to life/up to \$10,000

Agility Regulation Change – Transferring of Points

The AKC Board of Directors at its February 2025 meeting approved allowing individuals to transfer points and QQs acquired towards their dog's MACH title to the earning of a PACH title through a one-time application process **effective July 2, 2025.**

Agility Regulation Change – Tire Jump

The provide an additional level of safety for the dog in the performance of the tire jump, the AKC Board of Directors at its February 2025 meeting approved the inclusion of the wording that the connecting strap in the tire jump must be displaceable from the tire

frame when force is applied **effective July 1, 2025.**

Agility International Sweepstakes Class Update

The AKC Board of Directors at its February 2025 meeting approved a one year trial period allowing bitches in season to compete in International Sweepstakes Class trials only at the club's discretion **effective May 1, 2025.** In addition, a number of changes were made to the ISC Regulations for clarification and to keep them consistent with changes in international agility standards.

AKC Event Operations Blog

The AKC Event Operations team maintains a blog that contains these, as well as other, updates to clubs. The blog is a useful resource of information and can be [found here.](#)

Please contact the Event Operations department at eventnews@akc.org with any questions.



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