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DELEGATE COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETS WITH AKC EXECUTIVES

New York, NY— American Kennel Club[®] Board Chairman Ron Menaker and AKC executives including President and CEO Dennis Sprung, COO John Lyons, Executive Secretary Jim Crowley as well as numerous others met with all the members of the Delegate Coordinating Committee on October 22, 2008 at the AKC Headquarters in Manhattan.

Topics discussed included registration updates and initiatives, increasing efficiency of delegate meetings and overall communications between the Delegate body and the AKC.

“The meeting was a concerted effort on the part of the AKC Board, staff and delegate committee heads to improve communication and work together more efficiently and effectively for the benefit of the AKC, the sport and all clubs,” said Menaker.

Attendees welcomed this opportunity to exchange ideas on current projects and future concepts in an open format. Based on the outcome of this initial positive experience, the Coordinating Committee and AKC executives unanimously agreed to hold future meetings.

The following delegates were in attendance, representing their respective committees: Robert LaBerge of the Lawrenceville Kennel Club (Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events), Judi Daniels of the Mt. Baker Kennel Club (Bylaws), David Hopkins of the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois (Field Trial & Hunting Test Events), Pat Laurans of the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America (Parent Clubs), Blackie Nygood of the Mispillion Kennel Club (Dog Show Rules), Patty Sample of the Anderson Obedience Training Club (Obedience, Tracking and Agility), Dan Smyth of the Burlington County Kennel Club (Advocacy and Advancement and Chair of the Coordinating Committee), Ann Wallin of the Atlanta Kennel Club (All Breed) and Connie Vanacore of the Irish Setter Club of America (Canine Health).

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AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 20,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, hunt tests, field trials and earthdog events. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.