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## Finance Committee Report

This is a first report from the newly constituted finance committee

Chair – Gary Meggs

The following committee members have agreed to serve, subject to Board approval:

- Ursula Walsh
- Barbara Einspruch
- Maris Purvins

We still need a member with business experience to our committee charter. Jim Kinney declined. Suggestions would be most appreciated, as I am unfamiliar with members' backgrounds.

Near term goals for the committee:

- Working with the BOD & Treasurer, to establish a Budget reporting format that tracks closely with the P&L format, showing consistent line item categories from year to year, facilitating comparison. After this year's independent financial review, we should be able to refine a template.
- Provide a more detailed budget & assumptions, for better planning & oversight. Also prepare a summary budget, in one or two pages, which the BOD may prefer for sharing with membership
- We recommend using the budget to stipulate absolutes; rather, as a "living document" providing general guidance, encouraging discipline in financial planning & decision-making and facilitating oversight for committee members & the BOD.
- The finance committee serves at the pleasure of the BOD, encouraging timely, objective & candid discussion, offering recommendations & ideas for BOD consideration.
- Going forward, consider prioritizing budget expenditures in three categories: 1 – Essential to NTCA mission; 2- Important & consistent with goals & objectives; 3 - Nice to do & beneficial, given sufficient financial flexibility.
- It may be helpful to have a contingency financial plan & budget in place, should extenuating circumstances arise. This could include alternative scenarios.

Suggestions:

- Encourage committee members to use best efforts in timely processing income and expense items, unless directed otherwise by the Treasurer, so they are matched and captured in the appropriate time periods. This will reduce need for adjustments to financial reports, facilitate budgeting and better enable us to plan around cash flows
- Need to agree on income & expense categories for MCKC event that can carry forward consistently and allow better year over year comparisons.

- If the club has significant expenditures (beyond donated items) for auction items, *suggest we include a line item to reflect those in the MCKC expenses.*
- Although year to year comparisons are somewhat challenging, it appears the MCKC & related events resulted a deficit of approx. \$1,113 in '18 & approx. \$2,183 in 2019, factoring in trophy donations and expenses & carving out auction income. Contributing factors in the deficit appear to be:
  - Reducing dinner cost to club members from \$35 ('18) to \$25 ('19) to encourage a larger attendance. *Suggest minimum \$35 dinner cost to members. Initial budget estimate for '21 assumes this amount for 100 attendees.*
  - Mixer/ seminar offered free to members. *Suggest charging members at least \$10, with a goal of at least covering guest speaker stipend, budgeted at \$500.*
- In planning for the '21 MCKC event:
  - *Banquet expense categories should be "all in"; including meal expense, room rental fee, bartender or other related expenses associated with food and beverage service. It will be useful to budget a total cost per attendee.*
  - *Suggest budgeting MCKC as break-even event, including auction income at a conservative level, with a maximum deficit of \$1500 for banquet and mixer combined.*
  - *Best opportunities to reduce or eliminate the deficit & perhaps generate a profit may include:*
    - *Carefully managed auction, especially the live auction: perhaps fewer but high quality & relatively unique items, not easily obtained elsewhere.*
    - *Ability to negotiate comp's or reduced prices on facilities; hotel may be willing to make concessions coming off adverse Covid19 impacts.*
    - *Early & sustained campaign for donations or sponsors for e.g.: ringside hospitality, table centerpieces, etc.*
    - *Commemorative memorabilia of the event for sale, e.g. glasses or mugs*
    - *Raffle items*
    - *Notion sales*
  - *Auction results are variable year over year. It is unclear whether past financial reports consistently reflect results from both live & silent auctions, or both. It appears income has varied over the past four years from approx. \$1758 to \$3,318. It is unclear whether this income is net of expenses. Suggest conservative budgeted income of \$2,000 from '21 auction to not be over-reliant on auction income in funding an MCKC event deficit.*

Accompanying this document are detailed first draft of Budget for 2020-2022, with notes and assumptions. After Board review & input, we will finalize.

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September 9, 2020

Mrs. April Clark  
First Vice President  
NTCA

Re: Policy Committee Annual Report for Year 2019-2020

Dear April:

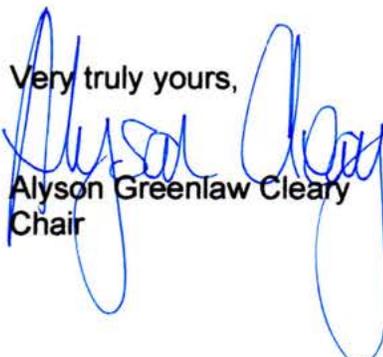
Our Committee currently consists of myself and Suzanne Bennett. I would like to add Amanda Kozora, and will make a motion to that effect.

The Committee has produced several revised portions of the Policy Manual, Committee Job Descriptions and forms to reflect Board of Directors' decisions and correct a few inconsistencies found during the year. These include provisions regarding Crufts Certificates, Top Stud Dog and Top Brood Bitch Awards, Ambassador Award, Challenge Trophy name and language, re-naming an Agility award, and the creation of the new NOH and Rally awards. Those provisions approved by the Board of Directors will shortly be added to the NTCA web site

The Committee plans to review the entire Policy Manual, all Job Descriptions and forms in the coming year, in order to produce up-to-date materials for the Club

Thank you

Very truly yours,

  
Alyson Greenlaw Cleary  
Chair

cc Suzanne Bennett  
Amanda Kozora

To: Judy Laffey, President and Board of Directors  
From: Joan Krantz, Performance Chair  
September 17, 2020

### Performance Committee Report

The Performance Committee thanks the Board of Directors for approving a new Performance Award, "Let the Good Times Roll Rally Award and for approving the name change of the Double Q Plus Award to "Superstar Savvy Award." These two awards will be recognized yearly at the annual banquet and in the booklet.

In preparation for this year's banquet, Amanda Kozora, purchased enough Wendell August plates for Rally, Obedience and Agility Awards at the Montgomery Agility Cluster 2020. Since the event was cancelled, I will keep these plates until 2021.

Since the event at In the Net was canceled this year, the clubs hosting the four days of agility will remain the same. All monies held as a deposit for this year, will be applied to next year. The NCTA will need to apply again to the AKC to hold the trial in 2021. NTCA will host, Tuesday, September 29, 2021.

The Committee will meet via Zoom on Monday, September 28, 2020 to review the wording and points on the Versatility Chart. Other Agenda topics are yet to be determined.

#### Performance Committee Members:

Kandy Adams  
Rainee Johnson  
Deb Lang  
Jill Lowry  
Betty McDonnell  
Ursula Walsh

September 3, 2020

Nominating Committee Report 2020

Nominating Committee

Nichola Conroy Chairman

Nancy Nosiglia

Marie Cato

Lynn Marshall Ex-Officio

2020 Slate of Officers and Directors presented to Corresponding Secretary on April 16, 2020

President Judy Laffey

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Alyson Cleary

Corresponding Secretary Rhonda Krupp

Director Deb Lang

Director Patty Fornelli

Director Maris Purvins

## TROPHY COMMITTEE

September 2, 2020

Dear NTCA Membership,

Thank you to all the members who donated to the conformation and performance trophy funds for the year 2020. The conformation trophy fund balance at the end of the 2nd quarter was \$5,952.45; The performance trophy fund balance at the end of the 2nd quarter was \$1,384.00. This information can be found in the quarterly balance reports posted under "Financials" in the Member's Only section of the website.

Due to the cancellation of the MCKC week activities, all pledged donations for those five shows (Hatboro I/II, Morris & Essex, Devon, Montgomery) will roll over to 2021. Any trophies that were unsponsored in 2020 will be offered for sponsorship early next year.

The Sho-Me Memorial Trophy which honors the best bred-by in breed was retired after the 2019 national specialty by Kelly Wood. Kelly has generously donated the trophy back into competition.

Maria Kelley, Alicia Smilowitz, William Sparks, and Richard Giotta are the other members of the trophy committee.

Sincerely,

Amanda Kozora  
NTCA Trophy Chair

## Registry Integrity Committee 2020 Report

Chair: Dana Esquibel

Members: Pam Seifert, Betty Bossio, Joan Eckhert

The news is still good, no fraudulent registrations have been found recently. However, we must remain diligent. We must continue to be watchful. The AKC registration procedures are still vulnerable to fraud. If we let our guard down, there are those who will take advantage of those vulnerabilities.

I receive many inquiries from folks looking for puppies as I am sure all NTCA members do. There has been discussion on chat lists asking for information about non-member breeders to pass on to potential puppy buyers. In my opinion, it is better not to try to vet commercial breeders.

The best way to assure a puppy buyer will get a purebred Norwich is to get a puppy or dog from an NTCA member. Refer them to the NTCA website. It offers excellent information for potential puppy buyers.

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September 7, 2020

Mrs. April Clark  
First Vice President  
NTCA

Dear April:

The MTB Committee members are Judy Laffey, Nicky Conroy, Paula Smith and myself as chair.

The NTCA participated in AKC's Meet the Breeds in Orlando, FL on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Thanks go to Judy Laffey for joining me to man the booth for two days. Thanks also to Club members Blair Kelly, Lee Little, Deb Lang, Joan Krantz, Cathy Rogers, and volunteer Norma Braun. As Chair, I used a small portion of the Board approved allocation to reimburse one member for mileage and parking.

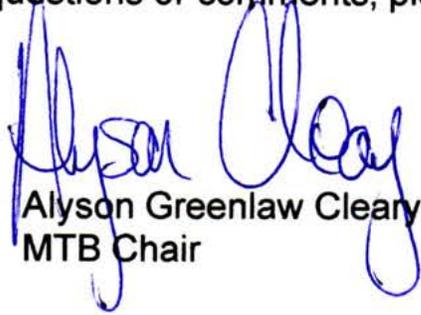
The NTCA participated in the AKC's Meet the Breeds event at the Jacob Javits Center in Manhattan on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Javits has been renovated since our last experience there, and it returned to a two-day format.

We unveiled our new booth décor, created by NTCA member Paula Smith, which received numerous compliments. Photos have been posted on the web site. Many thanks go to NTCA members Judy Laffey, Nicky Conroy, Mary Mang, Lark Shlimbaum, Amelia Smith, Betty McDonnell, and two new volunteers David Michaud and Michael Heaner. The AKC provided a \$300 stipend for expenses related to the New York event. I used this to reimburse the members who participated for parking, train fare and mileage.

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September 7, 2020

In February the AKC announced they planned to hold two more MTB events during 2020, in Philadelphia (June) and Nashville (September), but would be cancelling Orlando in December due to construction at the convention center. The Philadelphia and Nashville events were cancelled due to COVID 19. There has been no announcement yet regarding any event in New York for 2021.

If the Board has any questions or comments, please contact me.



Alyson Greenlaw Cleary  
MTB Chair

## **NTCA HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT**

September 4, 2020

Susan Miller Hall and Jane Schubart, Co-chairs

### **2020 NTUAS Study Update**

Resources to guide the diagnosis of Norwich Terrier Upper Airway Syndrome are now available on the NTCA website: <https://norwichterrierclub.org/ntuas/>

These new tools are a result of the multi-site clinical study, *Characterization of Upper Airway Syndrome in Norwich Terriers*, conducted by a multi-disciplinary team led by Dr. Bryden Stanley and Dr. Grace Lai. The new web pages contain information developed for veterinarians to evaluate the Norwich terrier upper airway. These resources include a protocol for a full upper airway exam, the NTUAS Score Sheet with a visual guide, history questionnaire, exercise tolerance test and a video of a normal upper airway exam. Those who enrolled their dogs in the study have received their score sheets. The study team will submit a manuscript reporting the full results to a peer-reviewed journal this year. We are planning to have an interactive virtual event with Dr. Stanley and a geneticist in November. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Jane Schubart ([ascot.js@gmail.com](mailto:ascot.js@gmail.com)).

The generosity and collective commitment of our Norwich community has made this work possible.

### **Puppy Lung Development Study**

[Update from Dr. Kurt Williams]

We have made considerable early progress in advancing our understanding of developmental lung disease in the Norwich Terrier. Developmental lung disease (DLD) appears to be an important contributing factor in early life death in puppies of this breed of dog. We are using a 2-pronged approach to investigate this poorly understood disease: investigating intricacies of the structural abnormalities in lungs from affected puppies, and pursuing a genetic basis for this disease in the Norwich Terrier (NT). We used specialized computer software to take 2D images and structures in the lung and convert them into 3D images to investigate abnormalities in the lungs of affected puppies, especially abnormalities in blood vessels. Using this technique, we have data that strongly suggests that there are abnormal pathways that allows a percentage of blood flow to bypass the normal pathway through the lungs.

The second major goal of our research is to look for a genetic basis for this disease in the NT. Our initial efforts to identify a genetic basis for this disease utilized genome wide sequence analysis (GWAS). These efforts did not identify an obvious genetic defect. This is not entirely unexpected. GWAS may miss complex genetic diseases. Because of this we are now going forward with sequencing the entire genome of related normal and affected Norwich Terriers.

### **Coat Color Study**

The geneticist at VetGen has tested all samples for E locus, D locus, and A locus. MFSD12 was also tested; this is one of the two recently discovered genes that dilutes red pigment only. It can make fawn/red appear much lighter when present in two copies. Variation in our sample was observed. This project has been delayed due to the COVID-19 workplace restrictions and access to files. We hope to have complete results soon.

### **Norwich Terrier Breed Health Survey**

The Health Committee is currently developing a survey to evaluate the health, morbidity and mortality of the breed. We will attempt to organize the questionnaire using a systems approach for a better understanding of our breeds overall health. The survey questionnaire will be distributed to NTCA members and the wider Norwich community. We found this approach effective in prior surveys.

**\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\***

## NTCA Health Committee Webinar

Monday, November 9, 2020

8:00-9:00 PM (EST)

**NORWICH TERRIER UPPER AIRWAY SYNDROME (NTUAS): RESULTS OF A CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY**

Speaker: Dr. Bryden J. Stanley

### Study Background

The multi-site NTUAS Study Group\* comprised 4 academic institutions (Michigan, California, Texas and Pennsylvania), and enrolled 154 Norwich terriers. The Study Group evaluated 56 variables from recorded airway examinations and computed tomography (CT) of the head and neck. Five variables distinguished between dogs clinically-affected with NTUAS and dogs not clinically-affected and form the basis of the NTUAS Score. This score could be used to evaluate dogs before breeding. A subset of these dogs had several airway examinations, at least one year apart. These data have been analyzed to look at progression of NTUAS over time.

Dr. Stanley will present the NTUAS Study results. Objectives are to:

1. Understand and recognize signs of upper respiratory compromise.
2. Realize the importance of a full upper airway examination and why all components should be evaluated.
3. Recognize which components appear to contribute to NTUAS.
4. Understand how the NTUAS Score was developed and what it means.
5. Understand the nature of progression of NTUAS over time.

The webinar will include Questions & Answers. A geneticist will provide insights into strategies to find alleles and/or loci that contribute to NTUAS.

**The webinar will be hosted and recorded by VetVine, and available for later viewing.**

Additional information about the webinar will be forthcoming. If you have questions, I can be reached by email: [ascot.js@gmail.com](mailto:ascot.js@gmail.com).

Jane Schubart, NTCA Health Committee

\*This study was funded by donor-advised funds from the Norwich Terrier Club of America, through the Canine Health Foundation, and by the generous donations of Norwich Terrier owners and friends.

## Rescue and Rehome Report

I had 5 Norwich Terriers that needed new homes this year during our Covid19 pandemic and I was able to place all of them with the help and support of Club members, Patty Warrender, Amanda Kozora, and Ellen Lucas. Of the 5 Norwich, two were from the same home and needed to be placed together. These 2 Norwich were in Dallas, Texas and found a home in Tulsa. The other 2 were in the Houston area and have been placed separately, one 8 yr old neutered male now has a home in Pensacola FL, the other, an 11 yr old neutered boy, is in a home back in Houston. The first little bitch that I got this year In March, was from Virginia, she was also 11 yrs old. She and the two boys in Houston belonged to NTCA member breeders. All five had owners that were unable to care for their dogs due to serious illness or death.

Please, please make arrangements for your Norwich in the event that something happens that prevents you from being able to care for your dogs. Do not assume that your family will be able to do it. Name a designated person who has agreed to take the dogs and that you have written the that person's contact information down in a place where your family can find it. When I am asked to place a Norwich in need I first go to the breeder, but sometimes the family is unable to find the registration papers, as happened in the case of the 2 Norwich in Dallas, so the breeder was unknown.

Our Rescue/Rehome committee is made up of all of our member breeders. The members that I have asked for help have stepped right up. All these dogs were placed without the Club having to take them over. However being "elderly," most needed dental work, which Club policy says we will pay for when we place them, along with neutering, and as we all know, these veterinary costs can quickly add up!

Thus far we have been able to meet the needs of our rescued Norwich from the donations of our members and of those who have adopted a Norwich Terrier in need. The Club does not ask new owners for an adoption fee, but I can suggest that If they would like to make a donation to our rescue, it would be welcomed..

Thanks to all of you who have made donations to our fund. Your contributions are

appreciated, especially by these little Terriers in need!  
Ursula M. Walsh, Chair  
NTCA Rescue/Rehome Committee

Sent from my iPad

September 1, 2020 The Judges Education Committee

We had one breed presentation this year, it was presented on Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as part of the AKC webinar series. There were 263 attendees. This presentation was the same one we have used for the past few years. It was presented in a virtual format with no hands-on portion.

The next presentation will be done in Florida as part of the Judges education series at the Royal Canin shows. I will need volunteers to bring dogs for the hands on portion of this seminar.

There are no mentor applications from club members as of this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Pelletier Judges Education Chair

2019 - 2020 Report Of The  
Judges Selection Committee  
(Conformation Specialty)

In accordance with the Chairperson's Job Description, the process of securing Judges for the 2021 NTCA National Specialty Show in Montgomery County, PA was started by obtaining a list from AKC of all AKC Judges approved or permitted to judge Norwich Terriers. The Nominations Ballot was prepared and mailed with nominations instructions to 276 NTCA Members, which was all Members except myself. 61 properly completed Nominations Ballots were returned to me - 21.1%. Two more were received but not considered because they were postmarked after the deadline and one of those was also not considered because the envelope it was mailed in did not have the sender's name and return address on it.

The nominations were counted and the results were sent to the Show Chair.

The Election Ballot was then prepared with the top ten Judges (Specialty and Sweepstakes) nominated by the Members and mailed with voting instructions to 280 NTCA Members, which was all Members except myself. 119 properly completed Election Ballots were returned to me - 42.5%. Twelve more were received but not considered - four because two Ballots were in one mailing envelope, five because they were postmarked after the deadline, two because the envelopes they were mailed in did not have the sender's name and return address on them and one because it was postmarked after the deadline and the envelope it was mailed in did not have the sender's name and return address on it.

The Election votes were counted and the results were sent to the Show Chair and the Board.

The expenses of the Judges Selection Committee are as follows: Nominations - AKC approved Judges List \$25.00, Envelopes and Labels 46.68, Return Address Stamp 10.85, Copying 103.72, Postage 156.20 Total \$342.45 and Elections - NTCA Ballot Envelopes \$76.03, Printing Mailing Labels 3.04, Envelopes 23.72, Copying 74.82, Postage 154.00 Total \$331.61 for a Grand Total of \$674.06.

I have started the process of securing Judges for the 2023 NTCA National Specialty Show in Montgomery County, PA by drafting the Nominations Ballot and nominations instructions and will be following the process described above.

September 14, 2020

Respectfully submitted,  
Lark Shlimbaum, Chairperson  
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## NORWICH NEWS

Thank you to everyone who submitted written pieces and photos for the *Norwich Terrier News* this year. With the reduction in the number of shows and trials due to COVID, we are trying to provide articles on more varied content. If you have an idea, please bring it to us!

Thank you to Missy Wood for reestablishing the “Kennel Reports” section of the *News*. It is a great way to let others know about what is going on with you and your breeding program. Kennel Reports can be submitted directly to Missy at any time. Her email is penllyn@verizon.net

As always, the costs of designing and printing a physical magazine are a challenge. More and more clubs are moving to digital-only publications. We pay a non-member to organize the content. **If there are any members out there with graphic design experience or the ability to help us put together a simple publication, we would love to hear from you.**

Non-member subscriptions help underwrite the cost to the NTCA, please consider gifting a subscription to your puppy buyers. Subscriptions, renewals, and gifts can now be processed online at the NTCA website:

<https://norwichterrierclub.org/norwich-terrier-news-subscription-renewal/>

Please use the email address [norwichterriernews@gmail.com](mailto:norwichterriernews@gmail.com) for contacting us about the *News* and submitting photos and articles.

Sincerely,

Amanda Kozora  
Elaine Jong  
Wheatley Wentzell

## AKC DELEGATE REPORT

The 2020 June and September AKC Delegate Meetings were held on Zoom on June 16, 2020 and September 8, 14, and 15. Included here are items from those meetings that may be of interest to our Norwich membership.

Parent Club Committee: Candidates running for re-election to this committee were introduced and each gave a short resume. Those elected at the Delegate Meeting were Karen Burgess, Helen Prince, Alan Kolter and Richard Rohrbacher.

Canine College is offering five courses based on Claudia Waller Orlandi's *ABC's of Dog Breeding*. The courses entitled Breeding Systems, Pedigree, Selection, Anatomy, Kennel Blindness have been recently revised. They are more visual, user friendly and offer more interactive learner experience. Two new courses-Genetics and General Health Defects are nearing completion for a Fall presentation. All AKC Breeder Courses are free and may be accessed at <https://www.caninecollege.akc.org/collections/courses-for-breeders>.

The AKC Government Relations team is currently monitoring approximately 2,000 legislative bills that could impact responsible dog ownership, the health and well-being of dogs, the rights of dog owners and the interests of the AKC. AKC GR reports daily an Overview of Current COVID-19 Liability Legislation, State Reopening and Status of Pet Care Services.

The PAC (Political Action Committee) is sponsoring a face mask fundraiser. This may be accessed at [AKC PAC.org](https://www.akc.org/pac)

Since its beginning, 432 Clubs have participated in AKC Reunite. 90 trailers have been posted to 29 states. Thirteen more trailers are in the works which will bring our total to over one hundred. Most recently trailers have gone to Washington state, Oregon and California. Donations from clubs, individuals and funds from REUNITE total over \$2.3 million.

A Parent Club Best Practices document is under way. Topics and discussions will include Membership, Committee Structure, Governance, Mentoring, Junior Activities, Health Regulations, Publications and Social Media, Planning and Coordination of the National Specialty.

The new AKC Archivist is Craig Savino. AKC Archives began in 1998 as a service to breed clubs. Collections are vast and open to all for research as

well as the archival database online. Craig may be contacted at [cps@akc.org](mailto:cps@akc.org) or 212-696-8216.

All dog pedigree requirements and inquiries of dogs registered in the last three decades should be first directed to AKC Registration and Customer Service at [info@akc.org](mailto:info@akc.org) or 919-233-9767.

Health Committee Dr. Calvin Carpenter, recently installed head of CHF, reported there are 152 active grants representing \$10.6 million in funding. Although lab research was “largely shut down” by the onset of the Pandemic it is now resuming. Detailed CHF information may be found online at <https://www.akcCHF.org/assets/filesAKC-CHF-YTDannualsummary-September-2020>.

Two new theriogenology fellowships have been funded (one each) at VA/ MD College of Veterinary Medicine and University of FL.

Planning is under way for the AKC/CHF Parent Club Health Conference scheduled for August 13-15, 2021 in St. Louis. Hopes are for an in-person conference but if not possible, a virtual event will be held.

Eddie Dziuk (Zook) reported that since December of 2019 there have been 6000 new CHIC numbers issued. After the pandemic OFA submissions hit a low in April but since then have rebounded.

Contributions to the OFA DNA Repository are down owing to the cancellations of Parent Club National Specialties. A suggestion was made that parent clubs consider collecting blood DNA specimens at the 2021 specialties. Mr Dziuk pointed out that this is an especially effective means of jump-starting research projects which might require genetic data. When a proposal is funded, work may begin right away with pre-collected DNA samples.

Effective 10/01/2020 the procedure for cardiac clearance by OFA will change. a “Basic Cardiac Exam” may be provided by a licensed vet based on auscultatory findings. “Advanced Cardiac Clearance” requires an examination by a veterinary cardiologist including echocardiogram in addition to a clinical exam.

As pandemic restrictions are lifted, clubs interested in sponsoring dog show tours may contact Mari-Beth O’Neill at [mbo@akc.org](mailto:mbo@akc.org) or 919-816-3789 for guidance.

Parent Clubs are encouraged to concentrate efforts toward mentoring new breeders who are club members since many PC members are breeding less and some parent club memberships are declining. A newly formed Parent Club Breeder Subcommittee is formulating guidelines for Parent Clubs who want to improve their breeder mentoring program. AKC DOG BREEDERS ED.NETWORK is a Facebook page where new breeders may post and ask questions about breeding.

Eddie Dziuk is working with brachycephalic breeds to obtain breeding protocol directives at reducing incidence of BOAS (obstructive airway syndrome). Dr Bryden Stanley, Professor Emeritus, Michigan State Univ. is acting as advisor to make protocol more applicable to veterinary and breed practices. Training of Veterinarians in the grading of severity of this condition is part of the protocol.

The December AKC Delegate Meeting will be held by Zoom on December 2, 2020.

## Notions 2020 Report

Covid entered our Norwich world along with all others.

Plan to go to Columbia Terrier show and sell Notions cancelled.

Plan to do MONTGOMERY cancelled.

2021 NTCA calendar, organized by Denis Johnson and his committee , will be our major fundraiser this year. Please support heartily and give to puppy buyers ,friends ,family etc.

We have sold from the shop fairly well, but it hasn't been a banner year. Sadly the Rebecca Ray crystal fobs are no longer available and will not be in the future. If any member has a contact for making these we can use our artwork. Please contact me and I will follow up for sure.

Notions appreciates all your support ,and wishes each of you good health and lots of excitement when this pandemic fades and life can resume.