



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

November 25, 2015

Steven L. Cohen, President
Finnish Lapphund Club of America
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VIA EMAIL
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Dear Mr. Cohen:

The representations submitted on behalf of the Finnish Lapphund Club of America have been reviewed.

We are pleased to inform you that our committee acted favorably on your request and the Finnish Lapphund Club of America has been approved for the holding of licensed championship point events. You may contact our Event Operations Department (919-816-3579) for the proper applications to hold your license events. We are also enclosing a copy of AKC's November 17, 2008 letter addressing the holding of events under other registries/organizations.

In granting this approval, our records have been noted to reflect that the Finnish Lapphund Club of America is the official parent club for the Finnish Lapphund and it is expected that your club will continue to serve the fancy with interests in this breed.

Once the club has submitted its application for its first show, it may consider applying for AKC Member status. You may contact Lisa Cecin, Director (lmc@akc.org) of the Club Relations Department for the membership application information.

The Guide for... Dealing With Misconduct..., Dog Show Rules and Regulations for Junior Showmanship can be viewed online at www.akc.org.

If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Aneke McPhail
Club Relations

Cc: Event Plans Department, via email
Mari-Beth O'Neill, AVP – Special Services, via email



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Mr. Curt Curtis
Assistant Vice President
Companion Events

November 17, 2008

To: All American Kennel Club Licensed and Member Clubs Approved for Obedience Events

It has come to our attention that several AKC clubs are offering obedience, rally, and other events for other registries/organizations and by doing so, may be in violation of:

AKC - Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline, Chapter 8, Section 4

"Any AKC club, association or organization which shall hold a purebred dog event or dog exhibition of any kind not in accordance with the rules of the AKC which apply to such purebred dog event or exhibition without the express permission of the AKC may be disciplined even to the extent of being deprived of all privileges of the AKC for a stated period of time or indefinitely, and if such club, association or organization shall be a member of the AKC, it may be expelled from membership therein."

According to AKC Board Policy, clubs may request an exemption-approval from the AKC Board of Directors to hold certain events.

In considering exemption-approval, the Board would apply criteria including but not limited to the following:

1. *The AKC has no comparable event in place*
2. *While the AKC has a program in place, AKC clubs had held events under the aegis of the other organization for years before the AKC program was initiated*
3. *The type of event is not or would not be perceived as being contrary to the best interest of the AKC and the sport of purebred dogs*
4. *The event is a breed or type of breed-specific performance activity*

No AKC approval is required for dog versatility or performance activities developed by AKC Parent Clubs and sponsored by such clubs unless they are held as a special attraction at an AKC event.

Any non-AKC events the Board approves clubs to hold must be held separate and apart from AKC events and should not be included in any AKC event documents. This requirement may only be waived if the AKC grants written approval for a special attraction in accordance with Chapter 11, Section 10 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the American Kennel Club.

Sincerely,

Curt A. Curtis

cc: Mr. Dennis Sprung, CEO, President - American Kennel Club
Mr. John Lyons, COO - American Kennel Club