

TREASURER'S REPORT
Mike Esch, CCA Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2023

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts

Checking	\$177,774.06
Columbia money market	\$14,948.69
Membership Checking	\$2,362.16
National Performance Account	\$12,397.24
Savings (merged accounts)	\$3,370.91
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$210,853.06

Other Assets

Mergard Trust	\$124,377.35
Inventory of trophies	\$18,868.90
TOTAL Other Assets	\$143,246.25

Investments

Various Securities	\$233,665.96
TOTAL Investments	\$233,665.96

TOTAL ASSETS	\$587,765.27
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES	\$0.00
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EQUITY	\$587,765.27
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$587,765.27
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CCofA Income Statement March 2023 YTD

01/01/2023 - 3/31/2023

INCOME

Inc 2022 National	\$668.18
Inc Advertising	\$17,223.52
Inc CCA Loving Cup	\$750.00
Inc Donation - General	\$402.13
Inc Material Sales	\$15.00
Inc Membership	\$1,065.00
Inc Sales	\$5,051.63

Inc Seminars	\$616.42
Interest - Bonds	\$140.54
Interest - Mergard Trust	\$12.26
TOTAL INCOME	\$25,944.68

EXPENSES

AKC Reports	\$200.00
Annual Fees	\$300.00
Bond Insurance	\$359.00
Cash for National cash boxes	\$1,040.00
Computer repair (Secretary)	\$156.48
Election Services (2025 National Judge Selection)	\$5,450.00
Email Services	\$210.00
Postage	\$2,473.55
Printing	\$2,540.82
Remote deposit monthly fee	\$45.00
Rosettes (2023 Agility Fundraiser for 2024 National)	\$1,283.89
Show Application Fees	\$340.00
Storage Room Rental	\$315.00
Supplies	\$1,990.45
Trophy Purchase (Banner Blue)	\$29.76
Video Services (2023 Breed Education Seminar)	\$450.00
Web Site Hosting Fee	\$132.02
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$17,315.97

NET CHANGE **\$8,628.71**

CHECKING JOURNAL & CASH RECORD March 2023

Date	Num	Description	Category	Tag	Amount
3/1/2023	4685	Carrianna	Postage	Sunshine Committee	-\$55.22
3/2/2023	DebitCard	Walk-in Closet Self	Rent Storage Room	Librarian Act	-\$105.00
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3/3/2023	4686	Elect-US	Election Services	Treasurer Budget	\$1,950.00
3/8/2023	DebitCard	AKC	Show Application Fees	2023 Western Herding Regional	-\$35.00
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3/8/2023	DebitCard	AKC	Show Application Fees	2023 Western Herding Regional	-\$35.00
3/8/2023	DebitCard	AKC	Show Application Fees	2023 Western Herding Regional	-\$35.00
3/10/2023	4687	Lori Montero	Supplies	2023 Judges Education	-\$187.15
3/15/2023	DEP		Inc Material Sales	Material Sales	\$30.00
3/18/2023	DebitCard	AKC	Show Application Fees	2024 National	-\$100.00
3/18/2023	DebitCard	AKC	Show Application Fees	2024 National	-\$100.00
3/20/2023	DEP		Inc Seminars	2023 Breed Education	\$465.00
3/20/2023	DEP	Bank Adjustment	Inc Seminars	2023 Breed Education	\$0.60
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3/21/2023	DebitCard	Show Cash	Cash	Treasurer Budget	\$1,040.00
3/21/2023	BANK	Return Item Chargeback	Inc Material Sales	Material Sales	-\$25.00
3/21/2023	DebitCard	USPS	Postage	Secretary Budget	-\$9.65
3/22/2023	4689	Kristy McTaggart	Supplies	2022 Yearbook	-\$66.70

3/27/2023	DebitCard	Constant Contact	Email Service	President Budget	-\$70.00
				TOTAL INFLOWS	\$495.60
				TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$3,848.72
				NET TOTAL	\$3,353.12

AKC News

1 From: Dennis Sprung AKC President.

Dear Clubs Officers and Delegates,

Phishing (via email or text, known as "smishing"), and financial attacks are still a prevalent threat. We want to remind you that it is not uncommon for individuals or Clubs to receive "phishing," "spear phishing," and financial attacks. We encourage you to be vigilant and pay attention to protect yourself and your clubs.

Below are some tips to help you avoid being phished:

Always check the email address. If you are unfamiliar with the sender or the request, delete the email immediately. If it is a suspicious text, delete the text and block the sender.

Do not click any links or attachments in suspicious emails or texts. This could lead to your computer being infected with malware or a virus.

Do not give any personal or banking information without verifying the source.

Change passwords frequently.

#2 From: **AKC Government Relations**

Subject: U.S: AR Groups Lobbying to Restrict Dog Breeders. Contact Congress Now.

To: Gerrie Oliver <olivergerrie@gmail.com>



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT



<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/us-congress-animal-rights-groups-lobbying-restrictions-dog-breeders-congress-needs-hear-voice/>

April 26, 2023

Please share this information.

This week, animal rights/ "protection" groups are actively lobbying Congress to restrict and limit the activities of dog breeders. They are making unsupported claims that there are "tens of thousands of puppy mills" in the United States, and asking members of Congress to advance arbitrary, one-size-fits-all mandates that could require small hobby breeders to place their dogs in industrial, commercial-style kennels and undermine quality breed-based care. Though labeled as commercial breeding regulations, the one-size-fits-all requirements also apply to some small hobby breeders.

Your action is urgently needed to stop the animal-rights supported Puppy Protection Act (H.R. 1624) and Goldies Act (H.R. 1788).

Scroll down for talking points and more information on how to contact your lawmakers.

The Puppy Protection Act (H.R. 1624) Establishes Government Mandates That:

Prohibit the breeding of a female dog:

- Unless pre-screened by a veterinarian. No specific details are provided on what the screening would involve or who would make these decisions.
- Based arbitrarily on the age and size of the dog.
- If it would produce more than two litters in an 18-month period.

Additional arbitrary requirements include but are not limited to:

- Mandates "unfettered access" from dogs' primary enclosures to an outdoor exercise area large enough that it "allows dogs to extend to full stride". This would create a potentially dangerous environment for multiple dogs that do not get along, accidental breedings, other poor animal management practices, etc.
- Mandated annual dental exams.
- Mandated indoor space sufficient to allow the tallest dog in an enclosure to stand on his or her hind legs without touching the roof of the enclosure. For

family dogs that live in their owner's homes, a primary enclosure may be considered the dog's sleeping crate.

- Prohibition on the keeping of dogs in enclosures above 85 degrees or below 45 degrees F, regardless of breed or acclimation needs for dogs that hunt, sled, detect explosives, or do other work and thrive in cooler temperatures, or that must be acclimated to cooler or warmer temperatures for their safety.
- Completely solid flooring, despite scientific recognition that multiple types of high-quality flooring, including engineered slatted flooring, is beneficial in certain types of kennels and with certain breeds.

Why This is a Problem

While some portions of the measures include reasonable *generalized* guidelines for canine care, ***arbitrary requirements that ignore best practices for individual outcomes are not appropriate for federal mandates***. One-size-fits-all requirements do not take into account the broad range of breeds and types of dogs, or best health and breeding practices. They also do not allow for creative approaches that permit expert breeders and owners to provide optimal care for their individual dogs and advance the art and science of responsible dog breeding. Arbitrary restrictions can be expensive and undermine small hobby breeding programs because of an overly-broad definition of "breeding female" that impacts who is subject to federal requirements.

To learn more, see and share:

[Proposal Would Undermine Animal Welfare](#), DC Journal, April 20, 2023

[Breeder Expertise, Thoughtful Analysis Demonstrate Dangerous Flaws in 'Feel Good' Dog Law](#).

Goldie's Act (HR 1788) Establishes Government Mandates that:

- *Redefine AWA violations and undermine priority for the care and wellbeing of animals* by removing a distinction between care and welfare (direct) violations and paperwork/ non-welfare related (indirect) violations. While zero violations of any rules or laws should be the goal, the care and wellbeing of animals must always be a priority. Reporting paperwork errors in the same manner as care violations also creates a misleading perception about breeder licensees and

creates a new target for animal extremists who use those public databases to identify breeders.

- Require inspectors to *destroy or remove* an animal if they believe it is in "psychological distress". The bill does not determine how "psychological distress" would be determined or by whom. This creates an environment for abuse and unnecessary euthanasia of animals.
- State the intent to expand enforcement of federal breeder licensing requirements, but *in fact throw out recent enforcement enhancements currently in the middle of a 3-year implementation process*. Instead of improving enforcement of the AWA, it creates confusing and onerous new mandates, and undermines recently established enforcement efforts. Constantly changing arbitrary rules create a confusing, expensive, and potentially harmful environment for animal care in which neither licensees nor regulators may be certain of requirements.

Who This Applies To

Anyone subject to USDA breeder/dealer licensing. Breeders are subject to USDA licensing if they maintain more than 4 "breeding females" (a term that is undefined but is generally considered to mean an intact female) and transfer even one of the offspring "sight unseen". "Breeding females" include *any combination of cats, dogs, or other small pet mammals such as hamsters, guinea pigs, etc.* ([Learn more](#)).

PLEASE ACT TODAY!

Your member of Congress needs to hear from you. Please **call, email, or write to your member of Congress today**. Visit AKC's Legislative Action Center and type your address in the "Find Your Elected Officials" box to [find out who represents you and get their contact information](#).

Tell them:

1. Ask them to oppose the Puppy Protection Act (H.R. 1624) and Goldies Act (H.R. 1788) because their one-size-fits-all mandates undermine animal wellbeing and enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act. These bills are "feel good" proposals developed without the experience and scientific expertise of breeder experts. The one-size-fits-all requirements fail to recognize the diversity of licensees and the types or breeds of dogs impacted and could harm to some dogs.

2. Explain you are a constituent. Respectfully share your experience and concerns as a dog owner/breeder/expert and based on the talking points above. Breeders: Relying on your experience, explain in practical terms how the new mandates could adversely impact your breeding program.
3. Ask them to not support advancing the Puppy Protection Act or Goldie's Act out committee or in the Farm Bill. Tell them, despite claims being made by AR groups, these bills do impact responsible small breeders.
4. Ask them to instead support additional financial resources for USDA so they can appropriately enforce the requirements they already have.
5. If you can, let the AKC GR team (doglaw@akc.org) know you contacted your lawmakers and if you received any response.

For questions or more information, contact doglaw@akc.org, visit AKC's Legislative Action Center www.akcgr.org or contact 919-816-3720.

Thank you for your action to protect the future of our breeds and the integrity of responsible, expert breeders. Your voice does make a difference!

RING PRESENTATION

Shining Star Ambassador & AKC Good Sportsmanship Awards Write Up Submitted by Judy Guthrie, Membership Chair

- Presentation in the Ring on Wednesday (March 29, 2023) night during the Top 10 Invitational – Presentation by Deb Gates and Corrine Boon committee co-chairs of the 2023 CCA Shining Star Ambassador – **John DeSantis & Ingrid** of West Chester, PA
- Also, the Shining Star Committee awarded to four category winners:

Service Dog Medallion winner - Linda Metz with Arran from The Netherlands

Library Dog Medallion winner - Jane LaSure with Alexander from Syracuse, NY

Therapy Dog Medallion winner – Sheryll Barker with Daniel from Cedar Hill, TX

Protector Dog Medallion winner – Tammy Roberson with Lassie from Matthews, NC

- Also, “Lifetime Service” awards were given to:

Celia VanVoorhis & in memory of Danny who were the 2014 Ambassador team.

Corinne Boon & in memory of Forte who were the 2016 Ambassador team.

Rose Hutches & in memory of Fibber McGee who were the 2019 Ambassador team.

- Presentation in the Ring by Committee Chair, Nancy Anstruther along with committee members Lauren Browning and Ann Ferguson on Friday (March 31, 2023) before the Annual Meeting – **2023 AKC Good Sportsmanship Award to Mike Van Tassell.**

Nancy read the following to make the presentation:

“When our committee took over Good Sportsmanship from the wonderful Carrie Lenhart, I think we all thought well this will be easy. And I can’t stress enough how wrong we were.

We were overwhelmed by all the letters we received for so many amazing CCA members. Members who have gone above and beyond to help their fellow exhibitors, extending helping hands to newcomers to our breed, members who keep the CCA running, and members who bring a smile to people’s faces when their names are mentioned.

But in the end there was one who we felt truly embodies everything this award stands for. He is a steadfast friend to the Collie, he has worked at the club level in every way, and he certainly makes everyone around him feel special.

Some of the comments referenced his “sincere, unselfish and significant devotion to the club, its members and its many activities”.

Others talked of him displaying “fairness, honesty, integrity and goodwill towards all fanciers and exhibitors”. Respect and admiration for him shone through every letter.

The three of us unanimously chose our friend, and the great friend to the collie, the Show Chair from the incredibly successful 2022 CCA National specialty for this award and are delighted to award it to Mike Van Tassell.”

CCA Annual Meeting

- On Friday, March 31, 2023, the Annual Meeting started at 12:18pm – Called to order by President, Annette Rawlings
- Introduction of Officers
- Introduction of District Directors.
- Mike Esch, Treasurer passed out the 2022 in Review and discussed the 2022 vs 2021 highlights of the Balance Sheet, P& L, Income, Expenses, and ongoing Programs.
- Annette read the 2022 deceased members and we had a moment of silence to remember these wonderful members: **Robert Abbott, JoLynne Abdallah, Joan Berfield, Susan Berry, Judy Bryant, Gail Currie, Vernon Wayne Esch, Nadine Greiner, Robert Allen Hill, Terrell Claridge Jones, Helga Kane, Joan Schurr-Kefeli, Grace Kosub, Carmen Leonard, Barbara Linder, James Martin, Margaret Joan Meagher, Sharon Mehl, Shirley Penn, Brian Phillips, Stan Rock, Rosalie Sanders, Mike Stoughton, Elizabeth Tracy Strother, Ellen Thompson-Wank, Doris Werdermann, Betsy Winberry, Louann Young**
- Annette read the names of the 50-year members for 2023 that will be honored at the Saturday night Gala. **IN-Mary Jane Anderson (Aamar); IN-Cindy M. Dorsten (Storm Wind); FL-Patricia K. Edwards (Candle Haven); AZ- Laurie Jeff Greer (Arrowhill); NJ-Joseph Koehler (Enchanter); IN-Margot MacCracken (Taismere); FL-Pati Merrill (Merrill); CA-Mary Ellen & Andrew Mills (Drewlaine); IL-Mary Murphy (Lil Murph); TX-Mary Lee Orrick (Reniah); SC-Claire M. Ramey (Collaire); NJ-Joseph Reno (HiCrest); IL-Karen Sala, Sala Collies; TX-Jeanne & Thomas Stancliff, Jr. (Satellite); MN-Lois A. Watson, Gainloch; CA-Adria Weiner (Edenrock)**
- Deb Gates introduced the 2023 Shining Star Ambassador team of **John DeSantis & Ingrid**
- Candy & Bree Ardizzone and Laura LaBounty spoke about the 2025 Syracuse, NY National Specialty. All events are 15 minutes from the show site. Judges are Specials – Mike Van Tassell; Bitches – Marrianna Sullivan; Dogs – Carl Williford. Herding will take place on April 5 & 6, Agility will take place on April 7 & 8, Conformation will be held on April 9 – 12, 2025.
- Sue Webber and Jean Framke invited everyone back to Peoria, IL for the 2024 National. Flyers are on the Peoria National table near the Shining Star table, and you can also pledge a trophy for the 2024 National. Don't forget that there is a skywalk leading from the 2 host hotels to the Peoria show site. They have received funding just not as much as the 2019 National due to Covid. Herding will start on March 29 & 30; Agility will be held on March 31 & April 1; Conformation will be held on April 3 – 6, 2024 and our Judges will be: Specials - John Buddie, Bitches & Juniors – Marcie Fine; and Dogs – Gayle Kaye.
- President Rawlings requested that if there wasn't any other business that someone needed to make a motion to adjourn – Susan Kaelin from District 6 made that motion and Nancy

Anstruther from District 15 gave the 2nd to adjourn at 12:44pm on Friday, March 31, 2023.

As we closed the meeting, Patt Caldwell and Isabel Ososki reported to the members of the need for participation in a new program being sponsored by the Collie Health Foundation. Please keep your ears and eyes open for their request for input which could help our collies. Watch information to be available soon from CHF and articles in the Bulletin...it sounds like a path to a long-awaited solution to health issues in our collies. JC