

June 21, 2024

William Burland, Corr. Secretary Liberty Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club 1930 Old Bethlehem Road Quakertown, PA 18951

Via Email whburland@yahoo.com

Dear Mr. Burland:

We are pleased to inform you that the club's Mentored Conformation Show held on June 15, 2024 was deemed successful and the Liberty Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club is now officially licensed to hold AKC Championship Conformation point shows. The club's number is #7626, which should be included on all applications.

Our records have been noted to reflect that the club serves a focal point of dog interests and activities in the greater Philadelphia, PA area (including communities north to Newton, PA, south to the DE/NJ/PA state lines, east to Yardley/Levittown, and west to East Berlin, PA) and it is expected that your club will continue to develop and serve the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever breed interests in this area. Please note that AKC reserves the right to adjust club territories in the future if interests develop to where another NSDTR breed club could be approved in the area.

Please be advised of the following conditions regarding the approval of new local specialty clubs still in effect in connection with the AKC Board of Director's May 8-9, 2017 meeting:

Newly Approved Specialty Clubs

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Davies the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent: Mr. Dok) that the AKC will accredit new local Specialty clubs that desire to become licensed for conformation provided:

- 1) Two-thirds (67%) of the new local Specialty club's members are not members of another local Specialty conformation club of the same breed and the new club is not the result of a split from an existing club. This new Board policy is effective June 1, 2017. *The following current policy (including #2, 3, and 4 below) requiring newly licensed local Specialty conformation clubs to hold their specialties in conjunction with another specialty, Group or All-Breed show will remain unchanged.
- 2) Local specialty clubs will only be licensed to hold specialties in conjunction with another specialty, Group or All-Breed shows or cluster.

- 3) Any newly forming or club ready for licensing will only be approved with the proviso they agree any future events must meet the adjacency and/or integrated specialty requirement as stated in (2).
- 4) Any local specialty clubs licensed or formed during this period will be subject to any final policies that result from the moratorium study period. This Board policy was effective June 1, 2017.

Licensed Conformation Show applications may be accessed online at the following web address: http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/AEVT02.pdf

Copies of the *Guide for...Dealing with Misconduct..., Dog Show Rules, Dog Show Manual, Regulations for Junior Showmanship* can be accessed from our website at www.akc.org under Sports & Events and then Rules & Regulations.

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

Sincerely,

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