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No July NKC General Meeting



The next NKC General Membership Meeting
will be Wednesday, August 19, 2026

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

JUNE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting date June 17, 2026

8:29 pm CST

Sheryl Bradbury's Home / Plattsmouth, NE Annual Picnic

No Zoom Meeting Offered - In Person Only

Called to Order @

Members in Attendance: Michelle Myers, Erica Radach, Sharlene Radach, Bre Clayton, Sue Volkmer, Shelly Rehmeier, Bill and Barb Von Tersch, Sheryl Bradbury, Barb Hill, Gary Newsom, Charlie, Libby, Eva and Nolan Lancaster, Valerie Torres, Lizz and Koehn, Liz and Dalton Shotkowski, Ron Weaks

Guests: Aaron Koehn, Cypress, Charlie Rehmeier

Absent: Lana Petersen/ Michelle Myers submitted minutes respectfully in her place

Sue Volkmer moves to dispense with regular business Barb Hill seconds, motion carried

New Membership:

Michelle Compare introductions and acknowledgement of Michelle attending meeting and meeting qualifications.

Sheryl Bradbury moves to vote to accept Michelle Kompere as a new member, seconded by, Sue Volkmer, motion carried.

Sue Volkmer moves to Adjourn, Shelly Rehmeier seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourns at 8:33 pm

Submitted by Michelle Myers for Lana Petersen



JULY NKC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, July 1, 2026, 7:00pm CST

Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84223141333?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84223141333?pwd=H2hnY4rvQhhuxN88QuTFN3uSPC4kmV.1)
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Meeting ID: 842 2314 1333

Passcode: 963033

Call to order: 7:01 pm CST

Attendance:

Via Zoom: Sheryl Bradbury, Shelly Rehmeier, Shayne Fili, Norine Nieman, Sue Volkmer, Barb Hill, Liz Stone, Michelle Myers, Lana Petersen Absent: N/A .

Approval of Minutes from June 2026 Board Meeting: Sheryl Bradbury moved to approve, Norine Nieman seconded the motion, motion carried.

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury/ Some cancellations because of heat. We are blessed to have the venue that we have great dog community. Our club continues to grow.

Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer/NTR

Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman/ Presented and explained financials for June.

Report of the Secretary – Lana Petersen/ Thank you for reaching out, the messages and the card during our family's tragic death and we all appreciate the support during this time.

New Membership Applications:

Evelyn McCoy

*Have attended meeting and application read. Will be voted on at the general member meeting

Unfinished Business: Scholarship Revamp - Sheryl Bradbury & Lana Petersen / Nina Gottsch had a conflict for July Board meeting so has asked to be present at August Board Meeting

Fibulator Battery - Michelle Myers/ Fibulator Battery given to Shelly and is in storage unit with fabulator. Michelle will submit bill to Norine

New Business:

Service Mark Renewal Notice - Barb Hill/ The renewal notice is \$100 and is due in November. This Service Mark protects us for the use of our logo for signage, etc. It does not protect for the Love of Dogs, just our logo. Secretary of State's office governs this service mark. Shayne Fili moved to approve Sue Volkmer seconded the motion, motion carried,

Show Wrap Up - Sheryl Bradbury - Amazing show, but glad it is over. From the vendors, to the juniors, the judges, the exhibitors, etc... were amazing. Several messages, personal letters, emails, phone calls were filled with nothing but very positive things to say about our club. There were a few challenges with ring stewards, but everything did work out. Our club table was worked by Barb Hill and Norine Nieman worked the obedience and rally. They handled things very well and were very appreciated. There were a few challenges but everything was handled very positive and professional. Norine Nieman - presented 32026 May Judges' Fees & Expenses & Show Financial

Report. This year's show made a profit.

Cornhusker Kennel Club - We need to support our other local clubs and their shows. Volunteers are needed for the Fast Cat event in October.

Insurance Claim - Sheryl Bradbury/One of the garage doors was hit and had to be repaired. More information is needed to determine the exact door and there are more questions to work through with the event center. Sheryl is sending request to Norine to work with the insurance company to determine how to handle the claim.

Club Picnic Wrap Up - Sheryl Bradbury/Michelle Myers - There was a lot of fun, food and laughter at this years Club picnic. A great time was had by all. Dalton and Michelle's demonstration was very interesting, exciting and it was great supporting Dalton's interest. The weather was amazing and everyone had a good time.

National Boston Terrier Show - April 10-17, 2027. Shayne Fili is asking for volunteers for their National event. Anyone that is available, please contact Shayne Fili at your convenience.

Storage Unit - Norine and Shelly would like to get approval to clean, organize and throw away any unused items. There is also a need for a new shelving unit. Sheryl is working on getting more shelving. Sheryl Bradbury will be picking up old trophies.

Holiday Party - Sue Volkmer would like the board to consider paying for part of the holiday meal.

Misting Fans & E-Z Up Tents for Club Events/Sue Volkmer - Shayne Fili moved to approve buying 2-3 misting fans Michelle Myers seconded the motion, motion carried,
E-Z Up tents will be lended to the club for the Scent Work event by Shayne Fili, while the club researches and finds exactly what they want.

2026 General Meeting Programs & Location:

July 2026 - No General Member Meeting

August 19, 2026 - VEG/Veterinarian Emergency Group/New business in northwest Omaha. Will be there in person.

September 16, 2026 - Jordan Ridder, retired U.S. Marine Corps Dog Handler. He will be talking about his time as a dog handler in the military

October 21, 2026 -

November 18 -

December 16 - Holiday Party/No Formal General Meeting - Event Location/German American Society - more info to follow in the near future

2026 NKC Event Dates -

Scent Work Trial - July 10 - 12, 2026, Iowa Western Community College - Everything is coming together.

Scent Work Workshop - July 13, 2026, North Elkhorn Fire Station -

Detective Trial - July 26, 2026, Bellevue University, Bellevue, NE. - Good to go. Shelly and Sherry met and drew diagrams and measured.

FastCAT - September 11 - 13, 2026 Michelle Myers - Signup genius to be out this week. Tracking Test - November 8, 2026

Shelly Rehmeier - Branched Oak is choice location. Will need Cornhusker approval.

Scent Work Trial - December 4-6, 2026 @ Werner Park -Things are falling into place.

Holiday Party - December 16, 2026 - Shayne Fili - See above information

Growler Deadline - July 3, 2026

Sue Volkmer motioned to adjourn at 8:46 pm. Shayne Fili seconded; motion carried

---Submitted by Lana Petersen, Secretary

From: Gina DiNardo <Gina.DiNardo@akc.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 1:25 PM
To: Delegates <Delegates@akc.org>
Subject: AKC 250 Recap

Dear Delegates,

AKC Celebrates USA 250 was a tremendous success and a wonderful showcase of everything that makes the American Kennel Club special. Over three action-packed days at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, we welcomed dog lovers from across Philadelphia and beyond for a family-friendly celebration of dogs, dog sports, and the unique bond between people and their canine companions.

From exciting Agility and Diving Dogs competitions to the AKC Doghouse, mini-Meet the Breeds experiences, military recognition programming, and interactive activities for attendees of all ages, the event offered something for everyone. The event also served as a significant national platform for the AKC, with multiple competitions taped for ESPN. Broadcasts will begin airing over the July 4th weekend and continue throughout the summer, bringing the excitement of AKC dog sports and the stories of our community to millions of viewers nationwide.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our AKC staff, exhibitors, volunteers, sponsors, and partners whose hard work and dedication made this event possible. Their commitment helped create an unforgettable experience for attendees while introducing new audiences to the AKC and the many ways we celebrate and support dogs.

Warm Regards,

Gina DiNardo
President & CEO
American Kennel Club, Inc.



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---Submitted by Medora Harper, AKC Delegate



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Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: June 24th, 2026

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AKC LAUDS PET & PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES IN SENATE FARM BILL 2.0

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club (AKC®), a not-for-profit organization that is the world's largest registry of purebred and mixed-breed dogs, and a leading voice for canine welfare and responsible ownership, applauds the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee's base text for the 2026 Senate Agricultural Authorization Act, the "Farm Bill 2.0". This measure accompanies and shares important positive priorities with the recently passed House Farm Bill (H.R. 7567, the *Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026*.) The bill reauthorizes key U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs through 2031 and serves as an important vehicle to address federal priorities in the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

"The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, led by Chairman John Boozman, and committee professional staff have demonstrated exceptional care and bi-partisan efforts in presenting a bill that not only supports crucial U.S. agricultural programs, but also supports important priorities that advance pet and public health and protect responsible dog owners," said AKC Executive Secretary & VP, Government Relations, Sheila Goffe, "AKC is also grateful to committee and staff leadership in avoiding extreme 'feel-good' proposals that could restrict or undermine responsible, science-based dog care and training practices."

Dog-related highlights of the bill's base text include:

- **Expands USDA's electronic health documentation requirements for pets entering the United States to protect pet and public health, while also protecting dog owner's rights.** This reflects language in the Healthy Dog Importation Act (H.R. 3349/ S 1725) by requiring electronic records documentation on dogs prior to their importation that confirms the dog is in good health; microchipped; has received all necessary vaccination and parasite treatments, demonstrated negative test results, and has a health certificate from an accredited veterinarian; and in the case of a dog intended for transfer, is at least 6 months old. Exceptions are provided for dogs that are personal pets of United States origin returning to the United States; United States military working dogs; for research purposes; and coming to the United States solely for veterinary treatment; among several others. AKC opposes the current, arbitrary ban on the import of all puppies under the age of 6 months, and advocates for this alternative that is both more effective for protecting public health, and allows for healthy, personally owned puppies to enter the country.
 - **Protecting Animals with Shelter.** Reauthorizes funding for transitional shelters that allow victims of domestic violence to seek safety without leaving their pets behind.
 - **National Detector Dog Training Center.** Authorizes the USDA National Detector Dog Training Center to establish additional training facilities to prepare specially selected dogs and their handlers to detect invasive pests and diseases that threaten American agriculture.
- AKC urges the Senate Agriculture Committee to advance these positive initiatives without amendment.

About the American Kennel Club

Founded in 1884, the American Kennel Club is a not-for-profit organization which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of dogs in the United States. The 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 more than 4,900 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 28,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred and mixed breed dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, scent work, hunt tests, field and earthdog tests.

Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Reunite, the AKC Museum of the Dog, and the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

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---Submitted by Medora Harper, AKC Delegate

AKC Delegates Report

AKC Delegates met in Newark at the Doubletree Hotel for the June quarterly meeting.

President Gina DiNardo called the meeting to order and introduced the people on the dias. 14 new Delegates have been seated since the last meeting. The minutes from the March, as published, were approved. The Rat Terrier Club of America was elected as a new member club of AKC.

Chair, Tom Daview, addressed the difficulty of login to sites on the computer and thanked the Customer Service the hard work in addressing the issue. Now effective, owners of OWH certificates may add those achievements to their AKC records of title.

Cornhusker Kennel Club will be an OHS Regional event (I do not know the date)

A new video is to showcase AKC and its mission for the sport, events, education, legislation, etc. The AKC is ever changing as is the sport of dogs.

An organization, BDO, will be used to help with AKC's transformation in the future and the success of AKC/. The AKC Mission and values will remain the same and many interviews will be held and discussed in order to help with its transformation into the future.

AKC is becoming International. In November of this year, AKC will be holding a dog show in Mexico City! FCM is desirous of having all breeds recognized at this show. There will be an attraction there for all breeds not recognized to be present. AKC hopes to add the Canine Good Citizen program to this attraction. FCM is promoting a Universal Championship and had a booth at the recent World Show. AKC has signed agreements with Brazil, Korea and New Zealand,. There are discussions with the Canadian Kennel Club. As previously stated, AKC is recognizing some Canadian titles on AKC titles.

Because of the many few sport activities offered by AKC, the AKC is the most diversified club in the world. The Treasurer gave his report. He noted that competition at dog shows is declining all over the world. New owners want fun fast activities. However, on the plus side, conformation, and all performance events have shown an increase in entries. Of all litters registered, only about 45% are individually registered. Side note, there was a time when AKC relied strictly on Registration for revenue!

Amendment to Chapter 3, Section 12 passed and several other amendments were read to be published in upcoming Gazette publication.

Mr. Ellis discussed the importance of reaching out via TV for our many events, especially dog shows. The evolution of AKC with ESPN is very worthwhile.

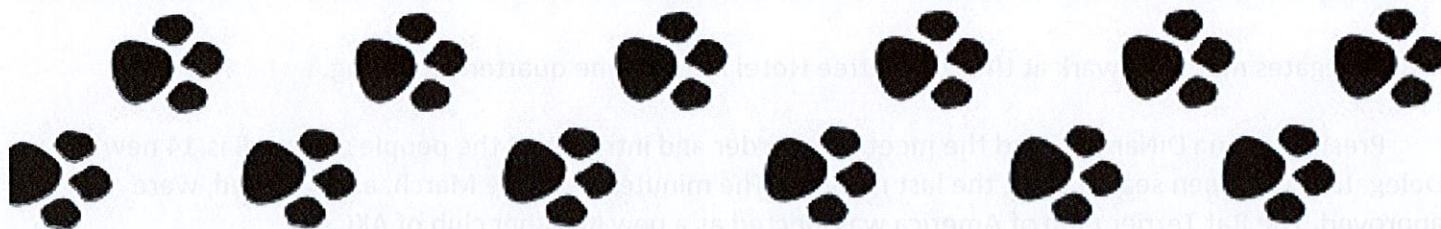
Mari Beth O'Neill recognized two clubs who have organized Junior Clubs into their bylaws. She also recognized a club for their 4H involvement.

Delegate committee elections will be held at the September meeting. Gina was recognized for her leadership during her FIRST year as President of AKC! A PAC table was in an adjacent room in the hopes of many donations!

The Meeting adjourned and lunch followed the meeting.

Medora Harper, Delegate

NOTE: I hope NKC will be recognized for the involvement with Juniors at our May shows. Sheryl did a fantastic job organizing it and Liz did a super job of maintaining it all week-end!! KUDOS to them!



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- ♦ **If you have something for the *Growler*, please contact the Growler Editor: Sharon Bourke, 402-677-6336, or e-mail: omahasb@aol.com**

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2026 Calendar of Events



July 15	No General Meeting
July 26	Detective Trial
August 5	Board Meeting
August 19	General Meeting
September 2	Board Meeting
September 11 – 13	FastCAT
September 16	General Meeting
October 7	Board Meeting
October 21	General Meeting
November 4	Board Meeting
November 8	Tracking Test
November 18	General Meeting
December 2	Board Meeting
December 4-6	Scent Work Trial
December 16	Holiday Party

Note: List subject to change --Sharon Bourke, Editor