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New 2012 Schedule of Championship Points Released --Realignment of Divisions Creates More Equitable Distribution of Majors--

New York, N.Y. – As of May 16, 2012, the new Schedule of Championship points for Conformation events will go into effect with a new realignment of divisions. The number of divisions will also increase for 2012 from 13 to 15 to enhance the ability of exhibitors to have “majors” in their own divisions. The schedule, released annually, sets the number of points needed by each of the 174

AKC-recognized breeds by geographic division. For the complete schedule of championship points visit: http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/point_schedule.cfm

“Prior to computing this year’s conformation championship points, we listened to customer input and feedback and took positive action that will create more equitable distribution of entries,” said AKC Director of Event Operations Bobby Birdsong. “The Board and staff make these changes for breeders and exhibitors to find majors closer to home. AKC is dedicated to working with fanciers to enhance their dog showing experience and will continue to constantly monitor the point schedules and make further improvements.”

This year’s change, coupled with additional enhancements made last year, was the result of ongoing communication with exhibitors. Last year saw AKC reduce the point computations from a calculation using a 3-year average to a single-year calculation. In addition, all independent and designated specialties held by Parent Clubs as well as the local shows held three days prior to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship were removed from the calculation database for a fairer distribution of majors. For a complete explanation of how the point schedules are calculated please visit <http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/>

[faqs.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/point_schedule.cfm) and scroll down to Point Schedule, Calculations for the New Year.

AKC Announces Board of Directors Election Results

-- Patricia M. Cruz, William J. Feeney, & Thomas S. Powers Elected --

At the Annual Meeting of the American Kennel Club on March 13, 2012, the AKC Board of Directors Class of 2016 was elected. The three Directors elected were: Patricia M. Cruz, Delegate for Heart of the Plains Kennel Club; William J. Feeney, Delegate for Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.; and Thomas S. Powers, Delegate for Kennel Club of Beverly Hills. In addition, Alan Kalter (American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.) was elected as Chairman of the Board and Dr. Robert D. Smith (Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.) was elected as the Vice Chairman of the Board at a meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, convened after the Delegates Meeting.

* Alan Kalter, of Ann Arbor, MI, brings a unique combination of experience in the world of purebred dogs, business, and marketing to the AKC Board. As an active breeder/exhibitor of Bullmastiffs for over 20 years, he has produced 160 champions including BIS, BISS,