

## Veterinarian

### Purpose:

To have emergency veterinarian service available for all participants. To fulfill AKC requirements by having an approved veterinarian listed in premium and catalog.

### Responsibilities:

- Secure the services of a veterinarian in good standing with the AKC to be either at the show site, or on call during show hours.
- Carefully explain to the veterinarian the responsibilities of a vet for an AKC show. Provide the vet with a copy of the AKC “Rules Applying to Dog Shows” Chapter 10; Duties & Responsibilities of Show Veterinarians.
- Read and be familiar with the above Chapter 10 before securing the vet’s services.
- Provide the person putting together the premium with the name and address of the vet so it may be included in the appropriate premium section.
- Write a report at end of show regarding your committee, comment on additional recommendations and responsibilities you think should be included here.

### Timeline:

- *1 year prior* - contact vet to secure services, follow up with written letter and copy of AKC rules.
- *6 months prior* - follow up call to vet, or office manager to make sure show dates are on the vets calendar.
- *6 months prior* - provide premium coordinator with name and address of vet.
- *6 months prior* - provide Emergency Plan coordinator with the address and directions to vet office.
- *1 month prior* - written confirmation of show dates.
- *after specialty* - Thank you note to vet for services.

### Budget:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>INCOME</i>	<i>EXPENSE</i>
Postage/Phone Calls		XXXXX
Other		XXXXX
<b>Total</b>	<b>XXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXX</b>

Total Income less Total Expenses equals Net Profit or Loss

### Recommendations:

Arrangements must be made for veterinary coverage (either on call or preferably, in person) throughout the show. Bear in mind that the Show Veterinarian cannot enter a dog in the show.

It is important to be familiar with the AKC rules regarding Show Veterinarians. Be sure to get a copy of at least the chapter pertaining to vets.

Make sure it is clear how you will reach the vet if his services are necessary. (Pager, On Call Service etc.)

Know how to get to the vet's office, have written directions as well as a map available. Coordinate with the emergency coordinator the procedures of how to contact the vet and route to the vet office should it become necessary.

It is a good idea to have emergency vet services not only in the planning booklet but in the hospitality packet. You will have many guests and you want to make sure they know how to get help if they need it.

Your specialty committee chairs should all know how to reach the vet or drive there. When a dog requires emergency treatment, owners often grab the first host club person they see and expect answers.