

**Q&A from the NAMASCUSA Board/AKC Committee meeting
with Mari-Beth O'Neill on 1-26-11**

1. As the USASA vote has now been completed, is there a timeframe for us to take a vote of the membership.
 - a. Per correspondence from Mari-Beth dated 02/11/2011, NAMASCUSA may ballot the membership at this time. This ballot should also include the breed name as AKC requires a breed name in order to enroll into the FSS.

2. What will be the policy for registering co-owned dogs? Will the signatures of both owners be necessary?
 - a. We will utilize the AKC Foundation Stock Service Application. Signatures of all owners are required.

3. If NAMASCUSA is voted the parent breed club, will NAMASCUSA registered dogs be the only ones accepted into FSS? Will dogs from other registries be able to register into FSS?
 - a. AKC will work with NAMASCUSA, if the NAMASCUSA membership votes to be the parent club, to determine the registration policies which will establish the foundation for the new studbooks.
 - b. Dogs from non-NAMASCUSA registries may enter FSS by first registering with NAMASCUSA.
 - c. Once a breed requests full AKC recognition, the decision to either close the stud book or maintain an open stud book will be determined.

4. Once the breed has achieved full recognition in AKC, what will the registration policy be for dogs from other registries (NSDR, MASCA, ASDR, etc)
 - a. NAMASCUSA, as the parent breed club, chooses the registries.
 - b. Once the breed is fully recognized, this will be reviewed to establish a registration policy that is acceptable to NAMASCUSA, AKC, and USASA.

5. How will AKC FSS accommodate foreign registries?
 - a. Any NAMASCUSA registered dog regardless of country of origin will be able to come into the AKC.
 - b. AKC will register dogs if they are not recognized in their own country. Once the breed becomes recognized, breeders will have to use the registry in the country where they live and use the foreign dog application to register with AKC.
 - c. Affiliates are recommended as they can work on breed recognition by also becoming an FCI breed club in their country.
 - d. AKC will continue to register Canadian-born dogs until the breed is recognized by the CKC.

6. Are there any rules that would exclude NAMASCUSA's foreign members from voting on the upcoming ballot?
 - a. All current members, regardless of residency, will be able to vote on the upcoming NAMASCUSA vote, based on the current Constitution and By Laws of NAMASCUSA.

7. When does the breed standard need to be submitted to AKC?
 - a. This will be required prior to entering the Miscellaneous Group. Once the breed is set up in FSS with a minimum of 150 dogs, the club may request entrance into the Miscellaneous Class, which may be as early as July or August of 2011.

8. What will the FSS enrollment fee be for NAMASCUSA registered dogs?
 - a. AKC has offered NAMASCUSA the opportunity to submit an initial group of dogs to the FSS free of charge. Dogs included in this initial group, must submit an application to NAMASCUSA in order to be included in this group submission. NAMASCUSA may charge a nominal fee to cover administrative costs. (Further discussion is at the end of this document.)
 - b. AKC/FSS may work out future group discounts for bulk submissions.
 - c. Once dogs are enrolled in FSS, the fee for an Individual dog is \$35.00 and litters are \$20.00

9. Can we get a "group rate" discount for those who will register their entire kennel?
 - a. AKC will work with NAMASCUSA for group rates. It is hoped that a breeder will identify the stock they wish enrolled in AKC Foundation Stock Service for the first enrollment.

10. Is there already an established policy for a Breed Club to set up an "open stud book"?
 - a. AKC will work with NAMASCUSA on an Open Stud Book policy that will work uniquely for our situation.

11. Whatever registries we agree to accept, can we, in the future, change that registry option if they change their policies?
 - a. Yes, as a Parent Club, NAMASCUSA will have that say.

12. Kennel Names. How will that work?
 - a. There is a provisional application for our members that have NAMASCUSA registered kennel names. AKC/FSS will make special allowances for our US members. It is AKC's policy to not register foreign kennel names. Foreign kennel name may still be used, but are not protected within AKC. The Kennel Name Application Fee is \$100.00 for 5 years.
 - b. "Single breed kennel name protection": If your kennel name application has been denied in the past, it may be granted in the new breed.

Misc Questions Generated from meeting on 1-28-11

- 1) Can ASCA Australian Shepherds register into the new breed?
 - a. If NAMASCUSA is the parent breed club, then yes, based on the policy to be determined with AKC.

- 2) Can NAMASCUSA continue with championship/grand/merit program and for how long?
 - a. Yes. Our merit program may continue indefinitely; these are not recorded by AKC.
 - b. NAMASCUSA may also continue a championship and grand championship program until the breed achieves full recognition.
 - c. NAMASCUSA will also be able to apply for AKC Sanctioned Matches.

- 3) If the breed standard height is brought down from 14 inches to 13 inches, will that jeopardize our herding group designation?
 - a. No

- 4) At specialties, can the parent club offer non regular classes?
 - a. Yes.

- 5) Can you achieve a conformation title while in the Miscellaneous Group?
 - a. Yes, the Certificate of Merit requires 15 points and is denoted as the suffix CM.

- 6) Can NAMASCUSA or Rare Breed titles carry over with the dog into the AKC?
 - a. No.

- 7) When are the Parent Breed Club Bylaws and Constitution required by AKC?
 - a. These are developed while in the Miscellaneous Group and are required before moving to full recognition.

- 8) Can NAMASCUSA use the words 'North American' in the naming of our breed club?
 - a. It may be in the name of the breed, but the club name should be limited to representing the United States/America.

- 9) Can NAMASCUSA use our incorporated initials of MASCUSA?
 - a. Yes "Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA" would be acceptable if that is the breed name that is chosen.

- 10) Can dogs that are dual registered with AKC as an Australian Shepherd and also with NAMASCUSA as a Miniature Australian Shepherd come into AKC through NAMASCUSA.
 - a. Yes.

11) If a dog enrolls into the FSS, will it affect the way the littermates, parents, grandparents, etc. are registered?

- a. No. This will not affect relatives of individual dogs if they do not register into the new breed.

12) When are we designated into the herding group?

- a. This is requested at the time of FSS Breed application. The designation is effective upon application approval.

13) What will be the FSS enrollment procedure if NAMASCUSA is voted the parent club for the MAS into AKC:

- a. NAMASCUSA will verify any MAS requesting enrollment into the FSS.
- b. AKC has offered NAMASCUSA the opportunity to submit a group, or gathering, of dogs for free enrollment.
 - i. AKC will work with the parent club on how to submit that group of dogs
 - ii. This is a voluntary enrollment
 - iii. AKC will require an AKC FSS Application, a certified pedigree, and a copy of the dog's original NAMASCUSA registration certificate.
- c. Further details will be determined if the membership votes to be the parent club.

14) USASA and AKC will work out the details of the voluntary rehome and create the policy and forms/ applications to enable those that want to move over to do so. The fee is not set, but may be free. That is to be decided by AKC/FSS.