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To: All National Breed Club Presidents:

Believe it or not, the time has come to start looking at changes to the breed standards for the 2016-2020 edition of the Standard of Perfection. This is the time for your club to study the current standard and to offer improvements to the wording or to suggest changes that will help your breed move a step closer to the ideal.

On pages 27 and 28 of the current edition, under CHANGE BY A NATIONAL SPECIALTY CLUB, the section begins with the charge:

*The National Specialty Club President shall appoint a special standards committee of at least five outstanding breeders of their breed at least three years prior (January 1, 2013) to the effective date of the new standard. The President of the National Specialty Club shall be responsible for assuring that all recommended changes are voted upon by the full membership, by individual sections, by the first quarter (March 31, 2014) of the fourth year of any existing Standard.* \*\*Y j kg'y g'hpqy 'vj cv'vj g'qhlegtu'lp'e'end'' y kndej cpi g.'w'ku'vj g't gur qpukdkw' 'qh'vj g'ukvpi 'Rt gukf gpv'vq'b eng'lw' g'vj cv'vj ku'kphqt o cvkqp'ku'r cuugf 'qp'' vq'cp' { 'pgy 'end'qhlegtu 'lj qwf 'vj cv'dg'vj g'ecug0'

Please be sure to read the section in its entirety, as it gives specific charges for the committee as well.

Although these dates may seem to be a long way down the road, in fact, they will creep up on us faster than we think. Therefore, I am asking that you begin the process of putting together your special standards committee. Be advised that this committee may be comprised of members not on your current all-breed standards committee, or they may be the same individuals, should you so chose. However, they must be members of your club and as stated above, they should be outstanding breeders of your breed.

Attached is a form that will allow us to log on the information in a standardized manner. Please use it to identify your committee. I will need a copy of it by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. If it is ready by the Kansas Convention, you can drop it off at the ARBA booth.

This is the preliminary step for all of us. Once the committees are formed, additional information will be provided as we move through the process. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Eng-Link

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