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## *Patricia Land*

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Hi, my name is Patricia Land and I'd like the opportunity to serve the membership of The CCAA as the AKC delegate. In addition to the duties of the AKC delegate I look forward to working with my fellow board members to create a club which serves its membership and the breed in such a way that all Cane Corso enthusiasts will desire membership in our club for all the benefits it provides. Our most precious asset and the future of our breed and sport - our youth - currently has no dedicated committee devoted to promoting their interests. Such a committee - focused on awards and special programs for our youth is one of my special interests I would love the opportunity to pursue.

I began my journey into the world of purebred dogs as a nine year old little girl who saw an ad in the local paper for a fun match at the county fairgrounds. Although unaware my mother's miniature dachshunds were not show quality I enjoyed every minute in the juniors and breed ring with the little rascals. Upon graduating high school I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where I proudly served ten years. I graduated numerous Naval Aviation Technical Schools, Southern Illinois University and served in a variety of assignments in Marine Corps squadrons both domestically and abroad. I met my husband , a fellow Marine and the love of my life while active duty at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Arizona. Soon after our wedding we purchased our first purebred dog together, a German Shepherd. She began our journey together into the world of purebred dogs.

Upon returning to civilian life we purchased our farm on the bluffs of the Mississippi River and made Tennessee our home. We fell in love with the Cane Corso breed upon meeting a beautiful grey male with a massive headpiece owned by a friend. Not long after - we obtained our first Cane Corso and here we are today.

I have been active in the AKC confirmation ring and in the world of breeding the Cane Corso and using them as a farm and working dog. My latest goal is to obtain IPG working titles on my Cane Corsos. I currently have one of my girls working with a professional IPG trainer and I have joined our local club - Blues City Schultzhund - and am working with another of my girls towards this goal.

I am also a member of my local AKC all breed club - the Memphis Kennel Club and enjoy the friendship and support of those that share the same passion of purebred dogs.

I am honored to be nominated to serve our club on the board of directors and hope you will consider me for your vote.