
Rebecca Simonski

My name is Rebecca Simonski, and I am running for re-election for the position of President. My husband and I have owned Cane Corsos since 1998. We have been actively involved in showing both in conformation and performance since 2007 in the AKC, previously in ARBA, as well as other venues. I personally have worked two different Corsos to AKC agility invitations. I am active in my local agility/obedience club and in the regional Corso club. I have been President since mid-2019.

Although there has been some positive movement for the breed club this year, in my opinion, there is still work to be done. My Bylaw Committee is in the final stages of presenting the Bylaw changes to the AKC for pre-approval before coming to you, the member, for a vote. These Bylaw changes will allow us to become a full member of the AKC and allow our AKC Delegate to attend AKC Board meetings. My newly formed Legislative Alert Committee has also been hard at work this year, keeping you, the members, informed of possible impacts these laws could have on you and your Corsos.

We have had open meetings for this entire year, and I feel it has been beneficial for the membership to “see how the sausage is made.” It is not always pretty and unanimous, but it allows you, the member, to see and hear what is going on in a meeting and see which Board members are bringing more to the table. There are also additional items being made available to the members over and above our board meeting minutes, which include the Bylaws that we were discussing with the changes and the new EOC Policy and Procedure manual. I have encouraged more board members to develop policy and procedure manuals so that membership can know what the duties and expectations are for their elected board members.

This year I have encouraged more members to volunteer for committees, and I continue to advocate for the addition of more members from every area of the Corso community so that we get more diverse opinions, which helps us become a better club.

I will continue to act with integrity and adhere to the Bylaws and Code of Ethics set forth for members. I will continue to actively encourage and counsel CCAA members and other Cane Corso breeders and owners to also adhere to the CCAA Code of Ethics, always for the betterment of the breed. I believe that everyone should be held to the same standard no matter who they are or what position they hold. The club and the breed deserve no less.