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Ms. JoAnn Stoll, President
American Russell Terrier Club
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Dear Ms. Stoll:

This letter is to notify you of the decision of the AKC Foundation Stock Service® Committee regarding the Parent Club designation for the Russell Terrier breed.

We have reviewed all the available information that was submitted for the American Russell Terrier Club and the American Russell Terrier Foundation Club. Both clubs have compelling arguments to support their club as the logical choice for this responsibility.

The decision has been made to recommend the *American Russell Terrier Club* as the Parent Club for the breed as it progresses toward the Miscellaneous Class and full AKC registration status. This club has proven that they are best prepared to complete the work necessary to reach the goal of full AKC recognition.

Ideally the AKC would like to see the two clubs work together, combine their resources, and establish one strong Parent Club for the Russell Terrier breed. The best interests of the breed would be best served by this unification; however, it is realized that this may not be possible.

A time line for progression into the Miscellaneous class will be based on several issues, including working with AKC staff to ensure the club bylaws and breed standard fall within AKC guidelines. The club would then send both documents to the membership for their review and vote for approval. Once completed, the recommendation for the move into Miscellaneous is presented to the AKC Board of Directors in a two-step process. Additional information on a time line for advancement will be shared with the club as progress is made.

The American Kennel Club hopes that the American Russell Terrier club will extend membership opportunities to all owners and fanciers of Russell Terriers with the goal of forming a strong National Club and improving the breed.

Sincerely,

Mari-Beth O'Neill