



Resolution of the Club de L'Epagneul Breton of the United States, Inc. And Official Policy on Sable or Faux Charbonnee Dogs

Be it formally adopted and hereby resolved by the Board of Directors of the Club de L'Epagneul Breton of the United States, Inc that the following shall upon adoption of this resolution represent the official policy of the club concerning the issue of dogs exhibiting the “sable” or “faux charbonnee” coloration:

I. There should be no further purposeful breeding or further production of dogs exhibiting sable coloration. It is the official policy of Club de L'Epagneul Breton of the United States, Inc. to direct and request all breeders of purebred Epagneul Breton dogs to no longer purposefully breed with or to intentionally produce offspring exhibiting the sable or faux charbonnee color in the coat of the dog. The basis for this position is that the sable or faux charbonnee coloration in the coat has been declared to not comport with or rest within in the accepted official UKC conformation standard of the breed. This official position is hereby formally declared by the CEB-US for Epagneul Bretons in the United States and is consistent with the positions taken in other countries where the breed exists, with specific reference to other widely accepted official conformation standards for the Epagneul Breton as employed in countries which are constituents of the Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI).

II. There should be no further formal UKC registration of Sable Dogs by the owner or breeder. It is therefore the official policy of CEB-US that after passage of this resolution no dog exhibiting sable or charbonnee coloration should be submitted by the breeder or the owner via application for permanent registration to the United Kennel Club, Inc. as a purebred Epagneul Breton. This policy applies whether the members of the litter exhibiting sable or faux charbonnee coloration are hereafter produced from one or more parents themselves exhibiting such prohibited coloration in the coat, or which are produced in litters where neither parent exhibits the sable or faux charbonee coloration in the coat.

III. The “Sable” coloration issue is properly addressed in the existing UKC Official Conformation Standard for the Epagneul Breton because the published standard does not allow for this particular coloration in the coat of an Epagneul Breton. The present official UKC Conformation Standard of the Epagneul Breton breed properly specifies the acceptable colors in the coat. Therefore, no modification of the official UKC Conformation Standard for the Epagneul Breton breed is necessary or required.

IV No Sable Dogs Should Be Classified as eligible for awards in UKC licensed shows or exhibitions. Hereafter, a dog exhibiting sable or faux charbonee coloration in the coat does not fit within the official confirmation standard of the Epagneul Breton Breed and should not be

shown, or classified to receive any award or placement in a UKC licensed show/exhibition when sought to be exhibited as an Epagneul Breton. It is anticipated and requested by CEB-US that all qualified UKC conformation judges who judge the Epagneul Breton in conformation exhibitions/shows will acquaint themselves with this issue relating to breed conformation, and will properly address the issue of the sable or faux charbonnee coloration, if the issue arises in the conformation exhibition show ring at any licensed UKC show/exhibition..

V. There shall be no official Conformation of Sable Dogs by CEB-US as the parent breed club for the Epagneul Breton. It is further the policy of CEB-US, that no dog exhibiting a coat containing the sable or fauve charbonnee coloration shall hereafter be officially confirmed by the CEB-US as meeting the official conformation standard of the Epagneul Breton breed, by any qualified expert confirmateur approved by CEB-US.

VI. Field Trials and TANS. The official United Kennel Club, Inc. (UKC) Field Trial and TAN Rules and Regulations focus upon registration (via Temporary Listing (TL), Limited Privilege (LP) or Permanent Registration) as far as eligibility for field events. These UKC rules no longer address conformation issues in the context of field events such as field trials and Natural Ability Tests. Therefore, an Epagneul Breton dog eligible for UKC competition via registration may not be automatically disqualified from UKC field trial competition if they exhibit the sable or fauve charbonnee coloration. However, because dogs exhibiting the sable or charbonnee coloration do not meet the official conformation standard and should not from the viewpoint of CEB-US be candidates for breeding, CEB-US urges owners to exercise discretion and restraint in hereafter seeking to obtain a UKC field trial title or certificate for any dog exhibiting the sable or fauve charbonnee coloration in the coat. An important purpose of field trials is to select the best representatives of the breed, in order to propagate the breed and the sable or faux charbonnee dogs should not be utilized for further propagation of the breed.

VII. Breed education efforts shall continue. CEB-US has sought to inform and educate the breed constituency concerning this issue relating to conformation prior to formal adoption and publication of this official policy of the club. Upon formal adoption of this resolution, CEB-US will advise the UKC, and assist UKC by providing some educational materials for the purpose of educating conformation judges about this issue relevant to our breed.

Resolved by official action of the Board of Directors of the Club de L'Epagneul Breton of the United States, Inc. at a regular meeting of the board, this _____ day of_____, 2010.

Club de L'Epagneul Breton of the United States, Inc.

By: _____
Wallace A. Huey, President

Attest: _____
Randy Meester, Corporate Secretary