

## **Northwest Director's Report – January 2005**

We had yet another successful regional specialty in Portland, OR. Thank you for all the support, and to the many people who traveled long distances to make the shows. We are hard at work on our May and July herding trials and the July regional specialty. In the Northwest we have such a great group of people who really support each other in all areas of the dog fancy. Putting on events is no easy task, and it is not possible without the help of the many people who are willing to step up and put the work in.

Every now and then, issues come up on the e-mail lists, most recently the idea of a Futurity, and Maturity class. Sometimes the discussion points to the BOD and tries to put blame on us and say that we are the reason this happened, or that didn't happen. I can tell you with confidence that this board is well rounded and has never just flat out said no to any idea. There is always discussion and, in the end, a vote.

If you have an idea bring it to the your regional director; but don't expect to just hand off an idea without a plan as well as the people who will carry it out. ACDCA members have a lot of good ideas; we just have a hard time finding the people to implement them. Every one is strapped for time and money so don't get mad when you have an idea for the club that just can't seem to get implemented because there is not enough willing man power to do it.

If you would like to serve the club let me know. If you have a little time, but don't know what you could do to help, I could probably to find you a job:0) Currently we need a volunteer for membership secretary.

Thank you for listening and happy cow dawgin'!

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