TO THE POINT

American Pointer Club December 2017

The Board approved changing the insurance company that carries our Liability Policy to Equisure. The result of the change in companies will save the club approximately 500 a year with the same coverage we already had.

Your 2018 Officers and Board Members are:

President – Diane Townsend
Vice President – Susan Savage
Recording Secretary – Christine Foreman
Corresponding Secretary – Patricia Newton
Treasurer – Kelley Cheek
AKC Delegate – Susie Kissik

2018 Board Members	**2019 Board Members**
Karen Drumm	Dennis Brown
Karen Gaupp	Anthony Cantor
Lisa Merki	Debra Freidus
Angela Schillereff	Karen Spey

Dues Renewal are due by 12/31/17

Please note new address for Kelley Cheek, Treasurer **19303 S Old Highway 88, Claremore, OK 74017-4950**

Please return renewal form with payment. You can also pay via PayPal.

The Board approved allowing the Health & Research Committee to submit all qualified Champion of Health applicants to the OFA instead of submitting only three applicants as currently required. Previously, the Health and Research Committee reviewed the applicants and sent the top three qualifiers to the OFA for their final decision on the winner of the award. Starting in 2018 the committee will send all the nominations they receive to the OFA for their final decision. **The deadline for sending the nomination form to Pam Waitman is February 1st. See attached nomination form at the end of this newsletter**

Helyne Medeiros, Seasyde Pointers, for being named the AKC Breeder of the Year!

AKC Delegates Report from December Meeting

Delegate's Report – 12/15/2017

The December Delegate's Meeting takes place in Orlando, Florida, in conjunction with the AKC National Championship. The format is the same as all other meetings, with Delegate Committee meetings the first day and official Delegate's meeting the second day. Delegates are also requested to volunteer at the National Championship. The American Pointer Club supported the Agility events by volunteering in that venue.
I was able to attend the Canine Health Committee and the Parent Club Committee meetings. The AKC will be conducting a re-launch of the new website. I attended a one-hour session providing a sneak peak of the new format. During the Delegate's meeting a question and answer session for new Board members was held and voting for the vacant positions will take place in March.

During the meeting of the Canine Health Committee, one of the topics of interest was a presentation by Diane Brown from the AKC Canine Health Foundation. She discussed some of the upcoming studies and current concerns in the dog community. One of the big impacts on our dogs today is the importation of dogs, particularly related to the hurricane events. CHF has documented an increase in leptospirosis, drug resistant heartworm, and Brucella. There will be new research in these areas in the new year. Further studies are also being done on the health issues of early spay/neuter. Ohio State is currently conducting research on pyometra as well. Specifically affecting conformation entries was the canine influenza outbreak this year, resulting in roughly 23,000 lost entries in 2017. For further information on the research and work of the CHF, please visit their website at www.akcchf.org.

The Parent Club Committee meeting spent a portion of time discussing legislation issues, specifically the mandatory spay/neuter laws. AKC has legislative staff always at work to combat the efforts by HSUS and PETA to create these laws, but they are only able to monitor the legislation at the Federal and State level. We are all asked to participate by staying involved in our local government and alerting AKC when this type of legislation is introduced. Ideally, we would be involved at a level where we can involve AKC prior to the topic becoming legislation. AKC specifically requests you contact them for direct assistance before you attempt to shape legislation on your own. They offer talking points and specific language to protect the purebred community, as well as resources to assist you. You can find an abundance of information on their website at http://www.akc.org/government-relations/.

During the Delegate's meeting, AKC presented the financial status of the American Kennel Club. The AKC has had four consecutive years of improvement in their financial position, with revenue up by 10% and registrations of litters and dogs up by 7% in 2017. Voting for new Board members occurs at the March meeting. There is one vacancy in the Class of 2019 and three vacancies for the Class of 2022. The nominees by the nominating committee are as follows: Class of 2019: Ronald H. Menaker, Memphis Kennel Club. Class of 2022: Robert Amen, Greater St. Louis Training Club; Christopher L. Sweetwood, Trap Falls Kennel Club; Harold "Red" Tatro, III, Fort Worth Kennel Club. Additionally, for the Class of 2022, Carl C. Ashby, III, United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club; James R. Dok, Gig Harbor Kennel Club; Jan Ritchie Gladstone, Richmond Dog Fanciers Club; and Ann Wallin, Atlanta Kennel Club, have met the endorsement requirements to be considered for a vote. I will be voting as directed by the Board of the APC.

Earn two or more new titles!!! The American Pointer Club is pleased to be able to offer both Canine Good Citizenship and AKC Trick Dog title testing at our Specialty as a fundraiser! Deb Pereira will serve as our Evaluator, and all proceeds will be donated to the Club to offset the costs of holding our National Specialty.
Most of you are familiar with the Canine Good Citizenship Program. To get your dog's ready for the test, information about the CGC Program, including the test requirements, can be found at this link http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-goodcitizen/about/

Even more exciting is being able to offer AKC Trick Dog title testing. To earn a Novice Trick Dog title (TKN), your dog just needs to do five tricks in addition to their CGC test, or ten tricks as a standalone title if your dog does not have their CGC. Each trick must be done correctly twice. It is possible to earn more than one trick dog title in a given day, as long as your dog completes the necessary requirements. More information on the Trick Dog Program can be found here http://www.akc.org/about-trick-dog/
Tests will be offered on a first come, first served basis and are open to any dog with an AKC, PAL, or AKC Canine Partner registration number. The cost will be $20/test. Tests will be offered concurrently with the Obedience/Rally judging on Wednesday (indoors), and during Maturity/Futurity judging on Thursday (outdoors). If you want to participate and have a conflict during both of these times we will try and accommodate you. You can reserve your testing time by pre-scheduling with Deb Pereira at pereiradebra@yahoo.com

OK – who wants to walk away from our National with both a CGC and a Trick Dog Title? Make sure you sign up with Deb now, so she knows how many evaluation forms she needs to bring!

Health Update

The AKC Canine Health Foundation held its 11th biennial AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference in St. Louis. Below are some of the highlights.

Quoting Edward Breitschwerdt, DVM, DACVIM, professor of medicine and infectious diseases at NC State College of Veterinary Medicine, adjunct professor of medicine at Duke University and the recipient of the 2017 Dr. Asa Mays Award for Excellence in Canine Health Research, **"We move people, dogs, wild animals, and vectors including ticks, around the world at an unprecedented rate in human history. Thus, we continue to change the ecology and dynamics of tick-borne diseases."**

Aging Effects of Stud Dog Semen – An unknown factor is the effect of aging on the viability of semen. In the first comprehensive study to evaluate canine semen, Stuart Meyers, DVM, PhD, DACT, professor of anatomy, physiology and cell biology at the University of California-Davis, is taking an epidemiological approach as he develops a database tracking the relationship of sperm characteristics and male age to pregnancy.

The database is being built based on a study that followed a large group of breeding male Labrador Retrievers at Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, CA. Early studies have shown a decline in sperm morphology, including velocity, or speed at which sperm travels, when males are around 9 to 10 years of age, yet litter size does not very providing the semen is good quality. This study is expected to provide valuable insights to help estimate a stud dog's breeding soundness.

A Focus on Lyme Disease – The clock is ticking for dogs, and people, too, when bitten by blacklegged tick infected with the bacteria *Borrelia Burgdorferi* that causes Lyme disease, the most common vector-borne disease in the U.S. In only 24-48 hours, a tick can transmit Lyme. One of the most challenging tick-borne diseases, Lyme is hard to detect because dogs rarely show signs and the poppy-seed size of the nymph form of the tick is virtually impossible to recognize and thus remove before an infection occurs.

Jason Stull, VMD, PhD, DACVPM, assistant professor at The Ohio State University, is looking at healthy dogs to learn what percent test positive for Lyme, and of those, what percent later develop the disease. Determining best practices for preventing and controlling Lyme disease is the anticipated outcome.

For the second year, donations to the tick-borne initiative will be matched up to $250,000 by the AKC.

CHAMPION OF HEALTH NOMINATION FORM

Dog's Registered Name: _____
Dog's Call Name: _____
Dog's Registration Number: _____
Dog's Date of Birth _____
Dog's Nominator _____

Nominator's Relation to Dog: (circle one) OWNER BREEDER BREEDER/OWNER
Dog's CHIC number: _____
Describe any other (non-CHIC) health clearances performed:

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Please detail the accomplishments of the dog and why this dog deserves the title "CHIC/APC Champion of Health." Use additional pages if necessary.

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Does the dog have offspring? (Circle one) YES NO
If yes, do the offspring have CHIC numbers? (Circle one) YES NO SOME

Provide CHIC numbers for the offspring, or describe all health clearances performed on the offspring (include test numbers, or copy of the test results report, where appropriate). Use additional pages if necessary.

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Deadline: for receipt of nominations for each year is **February 1**. E-mail nomination form (with any appropriate documentation) to Pam Waitman at fairhavn@sbcglobal.net or mail form and documentation to:
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