

TO THE POINT



American Pointer Club

July 2018



The Board passed the following motions:

Motion regarding Futurity

Monies received from the Bitch Enrollment and the Litter Enrollment will not be allotted until the First Puppy Enrollment is received. If the puppy is enrolled in the Conformation Futurity only, the monies from the two prior enrollments will go to the Conformation Futurity. If the puppy is enrolled in the Field Futurity only, the monies will go to the Field Futurity only. If the puppy is enrolled in both Futurities, half of the money will go to each

Futurity. [2018712-30-BM](#)

The Board approved the annual donation to the following: Canine Health Foundation - \$250.00 to the Donor Advised Fund and \$250.00 to the General Fund.

Donation to the NAIA - \$250.00 to the NAIA Trust and \$100.00-member level.

Nominating Committee for 2019 Officers & Board Members

Anthony Cantor – Committee Chair

Claire Abraham

Frank DePaulo

Jack Haines

Kathy Shorter

Suzzie Bambule – Alternate

Lee Ann Stagg – Alternate

If there is any member interested in running for a position on the APC Board, please contact any member of the nominating committee and let them know.

Thank you to all who participate in the Purina Weight Circle Program. The weight circles for 2017 earned the club a total of \$5,523.46. One half (\$2,761.73) of that amount is sent to the Canine Health Foundation in the donor advised fund in the name of the APC. The other half is deposited in the APC account for Health and Research and Education programs.

2019 National Specialty – Get Involved

Just a reminder that logo ideas for the 2019 National are due by **August 31st**. Please send to susietemple@yahoo.com. The logos will be submitted to the Board anonymously for a vote. The winner of the logo will receive a prize. Show off your artistic ability.

This is your chance to get involved.

Looking for someone to chair the Obedience/Rally Committee at the 2019 National Specialty.

If you are willing, please contact Susan Savage before 5:00 pm **August 9, 2018**

American Pointer Club National Field Trial Championship

AKC Licensed Trial
The Buckhorn Ranch
Condon, Oregon
October 3-7, 2018

This Field Trial is Run Under the Rules and Procedures of the
American Kennel Club

Open To all AKC Registrable Pointers six months of age or older. National Grand Championship and National Amateur Grand Championship qualifications: Dogs must have placed first, second, third or fourth in any Open or Amateur Gun Dog or All-Age stake. Bitches in season may compete in all stakes. Tracking collars will be allowed under AKC rules.

Contact Deb Freidus for premium list and information

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AKC Canine Health Foundation

American Pointer Club, Inc. Donor Advised Fund

2nd Quarter 2018 Statement (1/1/2018-6/30/2018)

1/1/2018 Balance	\$21,913.96
Contributions	\$500.00
PPCPP Contribution	\$2,761.73
Investment Earnings/(Losses)	\$106.33
MOU Grant Support	\$ 0.00
Management Fees	\$ 0.00
Research Support	\$10,000.00 **
6/30/2018 Balance	\$15,282.02

****As was published in the November 2017 newsletter the \$10,000 was applied to the following studies**

We are happy to inform the members that \$10,000 of Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Funds monies are going to the following studies:

1. \$2,500 – to the epilepsy initiative – AKC will match this amount
2. \$2,500 – to the tick-borne initiative – AKC will match this amount
3. \$2,500 – Grant #02234-MOU: A Novel Approach for Prevention of Canine Hemangiosarcoma
4. \$2,500 – Grant # 02309: Targeting the Cancer Epigenome: The Effect of Specific Histone Lysine Methyltransferase Inhibition in Canine B-Cell Lymphoma

Getting to know your Hall of Fame Past Members and Dog

DR. ROCKWOOD H. THAYER



DR. ROCKWOOD H. THAYER - (1902--1981) Twice APC President (1970 & '71) and a Director several times, this surgeon used the "Misty Meadows" prefix, named after his country place in Massachusetts and the site of a fun trial and party for APC he hosted. "Rocky" was always known to support the Club's activities with both his generosity and his presence. Homebred "Goldie" was his favorite pointer, Ch. Goldilocks of Misty Meadow. Jack Laytham (HOF) recalled at one of the APC's trials at the du Pont Estate in Delaware, Goldie had two finds; was staunch but on flush, broke and with her great speed, caught the bird in

mid-air and retrieved it to her owner with hardly a feather ruffled!

CH. SHELBARK'S TWENTY CARATS

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

CH. SHELBARK'S TWENTY CARATS - (Shelbark's Arrowroot x Shelbark's Confetti) (w.8/19/54) Bred and owned by John D. (Jack) Rementer, Jr., this orange and white grandson of Hall Of Fame Ch. Finefield's Cover Girl sired ten champions, including Ch. Rementer's Copyrite, Ch. Rementer's Jolly Roger, Ch. Rementer's Vanguard, Ch. Bryant's Buckeye Top Brass and HOF Ch. Maryjay's Majesty ("Teddy"). Jack Rementer used "Shelbark" as his kennel prefix before switching to "Rementer", but Twenty Carats or "Goldy" is pure Bryant line breeding back five generations to Ch. Drungannon Dreadnought, Ch. Elstone Citadel and earlier Herewithem to Ch. Governor Moscow, all Hall Of Fame mainstays. Including Teddy, Goldy is in the pedigree of SEVEN HOF pointers: Ch. Counterpoint's Lord Ashley, Ch. Truewithem A Taste Of Triumph, Ch. Marjetta National Acclaim, Ch. Cumbrian Black Pearl, DC Woodspoint Remington, CD MH VAX and Ch. Sydmar the Heartless Wench.Greater

LEPTOSPIROSIS IS ON THE RISE

Leptospirosis Information for Dog Owners

Key Facts

- Signs of disease can be:
- Subtle, e.g. eating less, lethargy or acting 'off', occasional vomiting
- Severe, such as with kidney or liver failure, e.g. abrupt increase in drinking and urinating, severe weakness, not eating, vomiting
- Speak to your veterinarian if your dog is acting unwell OR your dog has been (or will be in) an area that is considered higher risk for leptospirosis.
- Treatment needs to be started ASAP if leptospirosis is suspected.
- Vaccines are available to help protect your dog.
- People can get leptospirosis from contact with infected urine - protect yourself by knowing the risks and how to decrease them.

What is it? Leptospirosis is caused by infection with the bacteria *Leptospira interrogans*. Veterinarians most often discover (diagnose) infection after owners bring their dog to be examined because they have a sudden increase in drinking or urinating or are very sick (e.g. not eating, vomiting, not wanting to run or play). These signs usually occur when leptospirosis has caused sudden (and frequently severe) kidney or liver disease. Over recent years, there seems to be an increase in the number of dogs in North America being diagnosed with leptospirosis. There also appear to be specific 'hot spots' of leptospirosis infection across the U.S.A. and Canada. These are regions where dogs are more likely to be exposed to the bacteria and get sick. There are 8 different types (serovars) of the bacteria that are responsible for most leptospirosis disease in dogs. Different serovars of *Leptospira* spp. are present in different geographic areas.

Who gets it? Dogs, rodents, livestock, people and cats can all be infected with *Leptospira* bacteria; however, signs of disease are rare in cats.

Wildlife (e.g. raccoons, skunks, rats, mice, opossums) can be infected (without being sick) and can spread the bacteria into the environment through their urine.

Can people get sick with leptospirosis? Yes- People can be infected the same way as dogs, from contact with contaminated urine or water. Although rare, infected dogs can infect people. There is higher risk of disease for people who work with sick dogs (e.g. veterinarians, veterinary clinic staff). Anyone who is bitten by, has blood exposure to (e.g. needle-stick injury) or contact with urine from an infected dog should contact their health care provider immediately. Human disease outbreaks have occurred, most often following athletic competitions by swimming in contaminated water.

How is it spread? (Transmission & Infection risk) Leptospirosis is usually spread (transmitted) to a dog, cat or human after they have contact with an infected animal's urine and it enters their body through open cuts, scrapes and skin wounds or splashes onto their mucous membranes (e.g. eyes, open mouth). Infection is also spread by contact with items contaminated with infected urine (e.g. water bowls, shared bedding/blankets, food, soil). Sometimes infection can occur after an animal bite or due to eating infected tissue (e.g. animal carcass). *Leptospira* can survive in the environment for many months. The bacteria are frequently found in wet environments and stagnant water sources (e.g. lakes, ponds, rivers and puddles). Outbreaks and increased risk of disease can occur after heavy rains or flooding.

What should I look for? (Signs of Disease) Many dogs show no obvious signs of disease or very subtle (mild) signs (e.g. acting a bit 'off', occasional vomiting or tired). Other signs include weakness, polyuria (increased urination), polydipsia (increased drinking), vomiting, not eating/reduced appetite, and muscle

tenderness. Sometimes changes with breathing can occur (e.g. difficulty breathing, excessive panting, trouble breathing while exercising). Petechiae ('pin point' bleeding seen along the gums or exposed skin), nose bleeds, blood in stool, jaundice, muscle pain related signs of stiffness and disorientation may also be noted.

How is it diagnosed? Your veterinarian will diagnose leptospirosis based on time spent in suspected high-risk areas, examining your dog and performing blood and urine tests that show acute kidney or liver disease.

Liver sample from a fatal case of leptospirosis reveals the presence of numerous, corkscrew-shaped, *Leptospira* sp. bacteria (public domain, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

Specific blood and urine tests will be performed to help confirm leptospirosis. Sometimes the results of these tests can be difficult to interpret, particularly if your dog has been previously vaccinated for leptospirosis or is on (or recently received) antibiotics. It's important to let your veterinary clinic know if any of these have occurred. Leptospirosis should be considered for any dog who lives in (or has travelled to) an area that is higher risk, has sudden disease signs and blood and urine test results with kidney and/or liver changes and a low platelet count. What is the treatment? Will my dog recover? Beginning the correct antibiotics quickly is the best treatment for dogs with leptospirosis. Your veterinarian will also advise care for kidney or liver disease. Most dogs will require hospitalization, intravenous fluids, anti-nausea medications and careful monitoring. Some dogs will need advanced care at an intensive care facility, particularly if they need dialysis, transfusion and oxygen support. Whether your dog improves will depend on: 1) how quickly he/she is diagnosed and treated, 2) response to treatment, and 3) in severe illness whether referral for dialysis and intensive care is an option.

How can I stop this from happening to my dog and other dogs? Be informed. Knowing which areas have leptospirosis or are at higher risk will enable you (and your dog) to avoid them. Slow moving water, puddles or areas known to have high populations of rodents or raccoons are higher risk for leptospirosis. Other dogs that live in the same household/kennel where one dog has been diagnosed with leptospirosis may need treatment. It is important to let your veterinarian know about your other dogs - and other pets. Vaccinate your dog(s) if you live in an area known to have leptospirosis or if your dog is at higher risk. This can include dogs spending time in higher risk areas (e.g. field trial, hunting, traveling to regions known to have had an outbreak (human or canine) or with a high level of dog to dog contact). Current vaccines prevent four of the eight common serovars causing disease in dogs and serve as an important component to protecting dogs. Recent studies indicate current leptospirosis vaccines are safe and effective and are strongly encouraged for dogs at risk for disease.

Outbreak Management Dogs suspected or known to have leptospirosis should immediately be isolated (kept separated from other dogs) to prevent risk of infection to other dogs and people. When numerous dogs in a group or event become infected, it is recommended to immediately contact someone with experience in veterinary infectious disease risk assessment and outbreak management. This will help control the further spread of infection, particularly with larger dog group events and facilities such as kennels that house groups of dogs.

Zoonotic (Human Infection) Alert If you are around infected dogs take precautions. These include ensuring others know that a dog has (or is suspected to have) leptospirosis (i.e. place sign on cage), wearing disposable gloves and gown (wash hands after removal) and avoiding skin contact with contaminated urine or bedding. It is also important that infected dogs only urinate in areas away from other patients and where there is low human and canine traffic. Avoid contact with infected urine. If your dog is diagnosed with leptospirosis you should not have contact with their urine, particularly for the first 72 hours after appropriate antibiotics have been started. Contact your healthcare provider if your dog is diagnosed with leptospirosis - the same source that infected your dog could put you and other household members at risk for disease.

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Upcoming APC Supported and Regional Clubs Events

Greater Delaware Valley Pointer Club – Specialty – September 8th held in conjunction with Somerset County Kennel Club MB-F Superintendent

Sweepstakes Judge – Cecila Hoffman

Breed Judge – Anne Katona

Greater Delaware Valley Pointer Club – Supported Entry – September 9th held in conjunction with Westchester Kennel Club MBF- Superintendent

Sweepstakes Judge – Leslie Potts

Breed Judge – Mrs. Ellen Frost

Colorado Pointer Club - Field Trial - September 28-30, 2018

Wilderness Pointer Club of Virginia, Inc. - Specialty Show - September 30, 2018 in conjunction with Old Dominion KC - Millwood, VA MB-F Superintendent

Sweepstakes Judge – Ms Dorotheo Romano

Breed Judge – Ms Linda Robey

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Superintendent:

Regional Club Results

Pointer Associates of New England – Specialty Show - July 28, 2018 in conjunction with the Providence County KC

Sweeps Judge – Mrs. Diane Pilbin

BSW – Southern Malmason Pheasantly Surprised – Owner – Chaz & Tina McDonnell

BOSSW – Southern Malmason Jalapeno Bussiness – Owner – Lisa Lipton & Tina McDonnell

BVSW – DC AFC Cookieland I Spy Blackthorne – Owner – Debra Freidus

BOSVSW – DC AFC Cookieland Blackthorne Clouseau MH – Owner Debra Freidus

Breed Judge – Mrs. Paula Nykiel

BOB/WB/BW – Cookieland Life is Good Today — Owner- Cheryl Buchanan & Rick Buchanan

BOS – Ch Seasyde Black Onyx – Owner – Jim Douthit & Helyne Medeiros

SELECT DOG – Ch Southern Malmason Rock Paper Scissors – Owner- Terry Ellis & Tina McDonnell

SELECT BITCH – Ch Cookieland Dame Judi – Owner- Cheryl Buchanan & Rick Buchanan

WD – Penzance Racecity SKBR BOI – Owner – Greg Nikiforow & Leah Nikiforow

RWD – Southern Malmason Pheasantly Surprised – Owner – Chaz & Tina McDonnell

RWB – Southern Malmason Jalapeno Business – Owner - Lisa Lipton & Tina McDonnell

Pointer Associates of New England – Supported Entry – July 29, 2018 in conjunction with Providence County KC

Breed Judge – Mr. Houston Clark

BOB – Ch Cookieland Dame Judi – Owner- Cheryl Buchanan & Rick Buchanan

BOS – Ch Southern Malmason Rock Paper Scissors – Owner – Terry Ellis & Tina McDonnell

BOW/WB – Southern Malmason Jalapeno Business – Owner - Lisa Lipton & Tina McDonnell

SELECT DOG - DC AFC Cookieland I Spy Blackthorne – Owner – Debra Freidus

WD -Southern Malmason Orange You Amused JH – Owner – Lydia Frey & Tina McDonnell

RWD – Penzance Racecity SKBR BOI – Owner – Greg Nikiforow & Leah Nififorow

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