TO THE POINT

American Pointer Club September 2017

The following motion was passed by the Board:

No fundraisers or raffles are to be help by any APC committee or member for two months prior or one month following the APC National Specialty without the approval of the National Specialty Committee 20170914-37-BM

The American Pointer Club has sent donations for animal rescue for those animals effected by Hurricane Harvey and Irma.

$1000.00 has been sent to the AKC Reunite Fund where 100% of the donation is used to rescue and house dogs until they can be returned to their owners.

$1000.00 was also given to Best Friends Animal Society

What have your Purina Weight Circles been doing?

Those weight circles do a mighty job when it comes to Health and Research, Rescue, and Public Education. Most recently, the APC was able make a donation of $1,000 each to both the AKC Rescue Trailer program and a private organization, Best Friends, in response to rescue needs following Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Your Health Committee, along with the Public Education Committee, reviews these opportunities and makes recommendations to the Board for APC donations. So keep sending in your circles! **December 1, 2017** marks the end of the current year donation period for Purina, so any circles you have waiting in that kitchen drawer to be sent need to go in by then! This is an easy program that allows our Club to support our breed!

To make life easier for you if you are not already a member of the Purina Pro Club see application at the end of this newsletter. Purina returns money from this program to both the APC and the Canine Health Foundation from monies designated for the American Pointer Club. You can sign up on line by going to their website, **purinaproclub.com; fill out the application at the end of the newsletter and mail to Purina Pro Club, 1400 S Highway Dr., Fenton, MO 63026-9878 or call 1-877-776-2582. Weight circles are accepted from the following Purina Products:** Pro Plan, Puppy Chow, Dog Chow, Purina One, Pro Plan Veterinary Diets, Fortiflora. If you have any questions about your being able to qualify as a Purina Pro Club member please contact Susan Savage – susietemple@yahoo.com.

From the Desk of our AKC Delegate:

Dear Delegate,

As you may know, the Guggenheim Museum was planning to run an art exhibit from China that featured a video entitled "Dogs That Cannot Touch Each Other." The video depicted dogs on treadmills lunging at each other and was portraying animal cruelty as art. As a result, we worked over the weekend to craft a statement to the media that was also sent to the Guggenheim curator, Alexandra Munroe, who was responsible for the content. It read:

The American Kennel Club is deeply concerned about the "Dogs Cannot Touch Each Other" video that is a part of the upcoming "Art and China after 1989: Theater of the World" exhibit at the Guggenheim. Dog fighting is unacceptable and should not be displayed in any manner and certainly not as art. Depictions of animal cruelty are not art. Using live dogs in depictions of animal cruelty is not art, nor is it healthy for the dogs involved. It creates a perilous, damaging and stressful environment. Dogs are our sacred companions and as advocates for them and their protection, we strongly urge the Guggenheim to reconsider including this piece as part of their exhibition.

As a result of the pressure from several animal lovers and organizations, including ours, the Guggenheim is pulling that piece and others that were of issue. The NY Times cited us in the article below:

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/25/arts/design/guggenheim-dog-fighting-exhibit.html?partner=rss&emc=rss

Reminder – The drawing for a complete copy of the 2017 National Specialty will be held on October 20th. You still have time to enter the raffle. Either send a check payable to APC to Susan Savage, 8 Parkman Place, Old Saybrook, CT 06478 or pay through PayPal.

Entries have closed for the APC 2017 National Field Trial Championship –

But if you have an auction or raffle item please send them in advance to:

Beky Davis, 5448 Virginia Drive, Austintown, OH 44515 Email her at BekyDavis@zoominternet.net

The championship is being held at the Mingo Sportsman Club, Bloomingdale, Ohio October 11-15, 2017. Everyone is welcome to attend and watch our pointers in action. Hospitality nightly and delicious meals served morning, noon and night.

Thyroid Clinic a Success – Rebate Program in Progress

The Thyroid Clinic at the 2017 Nationals was a great success, with 26 samples processed and forwarded to the Michigan State lab. We drew an additional 30 blood samples and forwarded them to the University of Missouri for their ongoing epilepsy study. We appreciate all of the members who participated and made it such a success. THANK YOU so very much to these members of the H&R Committee, for their generous donations of time and materials: Laurie McCarty, Debby Freidus, Alix Soltan, Maggie Platt, Sarah Terns, Liz McLeod, Marva Petrequin and Meghan Sweeney Vos. The Clinic would not have been possible without you.

APC members can still have Thyroid testing performed at your local clinic, and receive a $32.50 rebate towards your expenses through the Thyroid Rebate program. Members who have thyroid testing completed between May 5, 2017, and May 1, 2018, can receive the rebate. Simply follow the directions on the Thyroid Rebate Request and send it in. Contact Pam Waitman at fairhavn@sbcglobal.net with questions regarding the program. I can email the paperwork to you, or it will be posted on the APC website shortly.

In the August newsletter Karen Blasche asked the question of why, so far, this year there are fewer show champions recorded by the AKC and more Junior Hunter titles than last. The following email was received from an APC member who wishes to remain anonymous. It should be noted that it was not the Board that wanted to know why. The question was asked by Karen our Club Historian. The opinion shared below is strictly that of the writer.

So, Karen Blasche noticed a downward trend in new champions in our breed and the BOARD wants to know why. They should pay attention to the internet and the displeasure of exhibitors nationwide. One only needs to attend dog shows to figure out why but in case anyone is wondering, this article explains it all:

http://www.thedogpress.com/Columns/send-in-the-clowns-1709ch.asp

A notable quote from the article says it all:

- "Today's breed standards express modern trending instead of breed foundation and purpose.
- The clubs don't care because the members would rather win than breed to the standard anyway.
- Handlers are the only consistent way of winning at AKC dog shows today.
- The illusive eye for a dog has been exchanged for an eye for familiar faces.
- Dog shows are now a politically charged game, not a sport. So go ahead, "send in the clowns!" because that is all you've got left in this circus."

I bred my first litter, after being in this breed for 20 years, in 2016. It's sad there are people in this breed and club who have bred more litters, in one fifth of the amount of time I've been in the breed, than I would ever dream of breeding in my lifetime. I sold my puppies to pet home and they've since all been neutered/spayed DESPITE the fact the litter is maturing nicely. Sadly, with the exception of the pup I kept, not one of the pups out of the litter, who have more breed type in their little toes than the big winning, GENERIC, specials, will never set foot into a ring. Oddly enough, that doesn't bother me all that much as I know the homes I found for the pups are amazing homes and frankly, I'd rather the pups be in amazing pet homes than crappy show homes where the next big trend in the breed will surely usurp the existing "show prospect".

There needs to be an improvement in judges' education. First thing to do it NOT use the top winning, generic, dragged around by handler dogs as examples. Seems to me the better dogs, these days, are home on couches.

Upcoming Regional Club Events

Pointer Club of Southern California – Specialty – Saturday, November 4, 2017

Concurrent with San Gabriel Kennel Club
Breed Judge – Michael Faulkner
Sweepstakes – Lynn Fitzmaurice
Contact Information: Susan Bleckley susanbleckley@gmail.com

Results of Regional Clubs

Results of Greater Delaware Valley Pointer Club – Specialty September 9, 2017

Sweepstakes Judge – Ms Zeynep Outwin

BSW – Cookieland Life Is Good Today – Owners – Cheryl & Rick Buchanan

BOSSW – Bookstor Prince of Conde, JH – Owners - Yvette Thomas & Peter Benson & Karen & Howard Spey

Breed Judge – Mr. Sidney Marx

BOB – Ch Dobe's Den MS I'm On Fire JH – Owner - Claire Wisch Abraham & Daniel M Breim

BOS – Ch Marjetta Sweet Annie – Owner – Marjetta

BOW – Tahari's Full Metal Jacket JH CA DN – Owners - Theresa Lyons & Frank DePaulo

Select Dog – Ch Seasyde Hot Hitting Yogi – Owner – Lynn DeGennaro-Leotta

Select Bitch – Cookieland Dame Judi – Owners – Cheryl & Rick Buchanan

WD - Tahari's Full Metal Jacket JH CA DN – Owners: Theresa Lyons & Frank DePaulo

RWD – Solivia's I Know You Know I Know – Owners- Julian McConnie & Katey Brown

WB - Cookieland Life Is Good Today – Owners – Cheryl & Rick Buchanan

RWB – Shadybrook Juliet's Love Story – Owners – Barbara & Michael Carman

Participate in the
PURINA PARENT CLUB PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

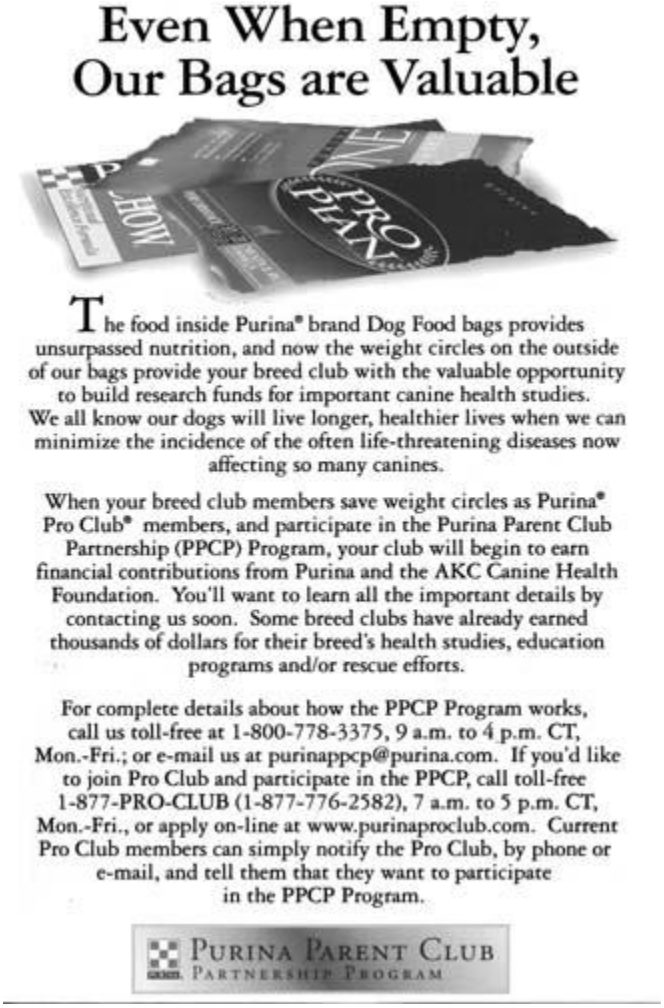
Purina has added the American Pointer Club, Inc. to its Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCP). The PPCP Program enables breed club members who belong to the Purina Pro Club and whose national parent breed club participates in PPCP to redeem weight circles from bags of participating Purina brand dog foods. Weight circles are tracked so that a parent club can receive credit for its members' weight circle accruals. For every $100 of qualifying weight circle points earned by Pro Club members who also are members of a PPCP-participating breed club, Purina will donate $10.

Here's how the PPCP Program works: Purina tracks weight circle submissions earned collectively by a parent club's Pro Club members. Points are totaled each year, and in February of the following year a check representing 10 percent of the value of the submitted weight circles will be evenly split between the participating national parent breed clubs and the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

The donation for the AKC Canine Foundation is through the breed club's Donor Advised Fund. PPCP Program funds are eligible to be matched up to 100 percent by the Canine Health Foundation, which provides additional research funding for breed-specific health conditions or health conditions that affect all breeds.

Pro Club members must individually declare their participation in the program and identify the breed or breed club that will receive their Purina Points. Members may declare for their breed by calling the Purina Pro Club toll-free number at 1-877-PRO-CLUB (1-877-776-2582) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST Monday through Friday, or by registering the information on the Purina Pro Club Web site at www.purinaproclub.com. Identifying American Pointer Club, Inc. as your parent club of choice doesn't take away any of your points toward Purina rewards -- the great news is that your points will ALSO count toward APC and CHF funding!

Eligibility for membership in Purina Pro Club requires caring for five or more dogs and/or breeding a litter of puppies a year.



Please let Purina know that the
American Pointer Club, Inc.
is your parent club selection for point tally.
Every bit helps!

PURINA PRO CLUB

Membership Application

Please fill out the application completely. If not filled out correctly, the application may not be processed. The information provided is confidential to Purina® Pro Club® and is not shared. Once completed, please place a piece of tape on each edge and mail the entire brochure back to us.

To be eligible for Purina Pro Club, you must be a Dog Breeder and/or Enthusiast and/or personally care for 5 or more dogs.

Name (First) (MI) (Last)

Kennel Name (Optional)

Street Address (P.O. Box not accepted)

City State

Zip Code Phone

E-mail (Required)

☐ *CHECK HERE to get the latest and greatest from Purina Pro Club via e-mail!*

Please tell us about your involvement and feeding practices by answering the following questions:

1. **Which of the following best describes your dog involvement?** *(Choose all that apply)*
   - ☐ **Breeder** – Owner of a female dog that breeds
   - ☐ **Enthusiast** – Participate in sanctioned dog events/activities and/or personally care for 5+ dogs
   - ☐ I own a kennel and/or personally care for 5+ dogs, but do not participate in sanctioned events
   - ☐ **Groomer** – Professionally groom dogs

2. **What is your role in dog show activities?**
   - ☐ Owner
   - ☐ Handler
   - ☐ Owner-Handler

3. **How many and what breeds of dogs do you care for?**

PRIMARY BREED	TOTAL # OF ADULT DOGS	# OF BREEDING FEMALES	# OF PUPPIES PRODUCED ANNUALLY
OTHER BREEDS	**TOTAL # OF ADULT DOGS**	**# OF BREEDING FEMALES**	**# OF PUPPIES PRODUCED ANNUALLY**

4. **What primary brand of dog food do you feed and recommend?** *(List all that apply)*

	FEED	RECOMMEND
ADULTS		
PUPPIES		

5. **Please list the Breed Club(s) of which you are a member:**

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

6. **I want to declare my participation in the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program.**

   ☐ YES ☐ NO

   If yes, please indicate the name of the National Parent Breed Club for which you are declaring:

   _____

7. **How did you learn about Pro Club?**
   - ☐ Purina representative:

     _____

     (Please provide name of Purina representative)
   - ☐ Internet
   - ☐ At a Purina-sponsored event
   - ☐ Referred by another Pro Club member, Breeder or Enthusiast

8. **I also want to receive information about the cat program.** ☐ YES ☐ NO

I agree that the dog food bought by me under the terms of the Purina® Pro Club® will be fed to dogs owned by me, or dogs under my direct supervision. I understand that Purina Pro Club is a program for individual breeder/enthusiasts, not institutional organizations such as rescue groups, humane societies or animal shelters. I also agree I will not resell the dog foods with the Weight Circle removed from the bags, solicit for or resell the dog food Weight Circles, coupons, checks, or starter kits associated with Pro Club. This includes retail and internet sale or purchase. Further, I understand that Nestlé Purina reserves the right to alter or discontinue this program or anyone's participation therein, at any time. Providing false information to gain Purina Pro Club membership or Starter Kits will result in termination of Pro Club membership and potential legal action. This offer is valid only in the USA. Limit one membership per household. ***For the full Purina Pro Club Terms & Conditions, visit PurinaProClub.com.***

Signature _____

Date _____

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(For office use only)