

To The Point



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Presidents Message

We are still dealing with the effects of Covid-19 on our sport. The National Field Trial Committee was forced to cancel the National Championship in Nebraska due to state restrictions on gatherings. Many areas in the country are still closed down and shows are being cancelled into the end of January. With this in mind, the Board voted to not have the rating system for the club this year. It doesn't seem fair for a national club to offer awards when so many are unable to participate. Pointers that compete a title will still be recognized.

Plans are going forward for our 2021 National in Florida. Information is being posted on the website. Sadly, Companion Events will not be offered as there was no member willing to chair the events. Deb Harper is chair for the Performance events, and I will be chairing Conformation. A list of committee chairs is posted on the website and in this issue.

Stay safe everyone! Like most of us, can't wait for 2020 to be over



Welcome to the following new members

Cynthia Brink

James & Diane Pryor

Neil & Amy Dean

Claire Thompson

The Board approved Danny Seymour as the new chair of the Judges Education Committee

The Board approved the formation of the Website Development Committee – Members of the committee are – Susan Savage – Chair, Susan London, Diane Townsend and Susan Bleckley

APC Payment Information

The PayPal APC account can still be used if that is your preference. If you do pay for anything with PayPal please do not forget to email June Johnston, junej@esearch.com and tell her what it is for.

PayPal Address

Treasurerweb@americanpointerclub.org

Important Futurity Information

Due to the fact that the dates for holding a National Specialty have been moved from April - June to March - May litters born between September 2 - October 1, 2020 will have the choice to choose whether to enter the 2021 or 2022 Futurity. No litter may be nominated for BOTH Futurities. Each Breeder can choose which one they want to enter. Any questions contact Lee Ann Stagg - ppoint97@aol.com

2021 Futurity/Maturity Judge

Cindy Lane Smith

2022 Futurity/Maturity Judge

TBD

2021 National Specialty



**American Pointer Club
2021 National Specialty
Brooksville, Florida**

Important Information

The Board has approved a motion to not hold Agility, Rally or Obedience at the 2021 National

Breed Judge

Sioux Forsyth-Green

Sweepstakes Judge

Patricia Lillesand

2020 Futurity/Maturity Judge

Ann Westermann

2021 Futurity/Maturity Judge

Cindy Lane Smith

Host Hotel

**Quality Inn & Suites
30307 Cortez Blvd.
Brooksville, FL 34602
1-352-796=9481**



**Located at I-75 at US SR50/Exit 301
Nearest Airports are Tampa or Orlando**

Room Rates

2 Double – no smoking/1 King Bed – no smoking - \$89.00

2 Double Beds – no smoking Suite - \$109.00

1 King Bed – No Smoking Suite - \$109.00

When calling the hotel to make a reservation be sure to mention it is an APC block reservation

**1 ½ Miles from Florida Classic Park
5360 Lockhart Rd.
Brooksville, FL**

2021 National Committee Chairs

Committee Chairs:

Show Chair	Marjorie Martorella- marjetta@optonline.net
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Epilepsy Research Finds MCT Oil May Help Dogs with Hard-To-Treat Cases

By Barbara Fawver, Manager of Pet Influential Communications, Purina

Epilepsy is the most commonly diagnosed chronic neurological disorder in dogs. The cause is idiopathic, or unknown, in nearly 1 of 111 dogs. While some breeds may be predisposed, any breed of dog and mixed breeds may be affected by idiopathic epilepsy, compromising the quality of life for dogs and their owners. Sadly, one-third of dogs with epilepsy do not respond adequately to standard anti-seizure drugs and are classified as drug-resistant.

Investigators at the University of Veterinary Medicine Hanover in Germany and at the Royal Veterinary College of the University of London have been studying dietary therapy supplemented with medium-chain triglyceride (MCT) vegetable oil like Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets NC NeuroCare Canine Formula or a commercial MCT oil added to a standard dry kibble diet. The goal has been to learn if MCT oil offers an effective management option for dogs with hard-to-treat epilepsy to reduce the number of seizures and its behavioral comorbidities and to improve the quality of life for affected dogs and their owners.

“Although diet has not traditionally been considered an important part of epilepsy management, these results combined with other findings show that nutrition may play an important role in seizure control,” says Holger Volk, DVM, PHD, PGCAP, DECVN, FHEA, MRCVS, professor of small animal diseases and head of the Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at the University of Veterinary Medicine Hanover. “We are finding that MCT oil offers a promising addition to the epilepsy management tool kit.”

Previous work by the research team had shown that MCT oil can have significant beneficial effects in about half of dogs with drug-resistant epilepsy when included with a dry kibble diet. They also showed that certain behavioral comorbidities, such as anxiety and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)-type clinical signs, improved on the MCT-enriched diet.

In research funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation (Grant #02252), the investigators sought to learn if MCT oil added as a supplement to a dog’s existing diet could provide similar benefits. A rigorous randomized, double-blinded clinical trial was conducted in which 28 dogs received the MCT oil for three months and a placebo oil for three months. Overall, dogs had significantly fewer seizures during the MCT phase compared to the placebo phase and an improved owner-reported quality of life.

“New therapies are urgently needed to improve the quality of life of dogs affected by epilepsy and their owners, and the results of this study offer a promising addition to other methods commonly used to treat canine epilepsy,” Dr. Volk says. “This AKC Canine Health Foundation-funded research has also provided new insights to the positive effects of MCT on cognition in dogs with epilepsy.”

This article was taken from the Canine Health Foundation publication - Discoveries

MISSION: The mission of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, Inc. is to the dissemination of health information to prevent, treat and cure canine disease. canine epilepsy,” Dr. Volk says.

Past winners of the APC National Specialty continued



1970

Ch Silverridge Crackerjack
Owner – William Metz
Breeder – Mrs. E Collins Brown

1971

Ch. Shandowns Celebration
Owner – William Metz
Breeder – Leon Shiver



1972

Ch Waldschloss White Lightning
Owner – Diane Pearlstein
Breeder – William Metz