

To The Point



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President's Message

With less than a week to our National Specialty, our committee chairs are hard at work to make this a memorable and enjoyable specialty for everyone. Safe travels and best of luck!

Marjorie



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

Please see important Specialty information on page 2 & 3 of this newsletter.



Board

Meeting

Welcome to our newest members: Darrell & Amy Crate & Hayley Thompson

New approved events:

PANE Field Trial – May 21-23, 2021, East Windsor, CT

PANE Field Trial – September 25-26, 2021, East Windsor, CT

Beginning in 2022 the 6-9, 9-12, and Bred by Exhibitor Classes entry fee will be \$25.00.

[20210209-07 PM](#)

Tom Bradley and KC Shore approved as Mentors [20210209-08 PM](#)

Tom Bradley, Erica Bandes, Paula Nykiel, and Geri Griffin approved as members of the Judges Education Committee [2021209-09—04 CM](#)

Approval of the revised Confidentiality Form – [20210209-10-PM](#)

Anyone who has any items that belong to the APC please send a list what you have to Marjorie Martorella. We are trying to get an exact list of what is out there with the members. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Basket Raffle

Be sure to see Meredith McGee to buy your raffle tickets for the baskets.

Ticket prices are:

5 Tickets for \$10.00

10 Tickets for \$15.00

Stretch - \$20.00.



*The drawing will be held after Winners Bitch.
Do not forget to bring a basket for the raffle. The more the merrier!*



National Specialty Closing Dates

March 31st - Pre order of Catalog

March 31st = Dinner Reservations

See premium list or website for information for the pre-order of catalogs and dinner reservations If you choose to pay on PayPal the address is Treasurerweb@americanpointerclub.org

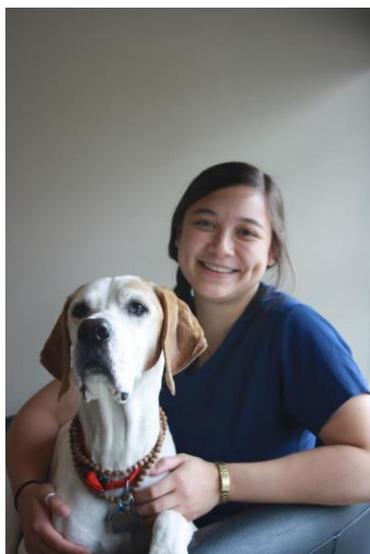


Important Reminder

The 2021 Futurity/Maturity is scheduled to begin at 9:30 am on Thursday, April 8th

The 2020 Futurity/Maturity is scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm on Thursday, April 8th

Karen Blasche Memorial Junior Scholarship Winner



Diana Chan, a first year student attending Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in North Grafton, Massachusetts is the recipient of the first Karen Blasche Memorial Junior Scholarship of \$1000.00

Diana is from Old Saybrook, Connecticut and her interests in dogs began at the age of 10 handling a Bernese Mountain Dog from which she quickly met and fell in love with a Pointer!

Soon, Diana was a regular showing her Pointer in the conformation ring and as she told the committee, *"It became an outlet and platform for growth and maturation."*

Diana soon became a regular familiar face showing her Pointer in both conformation and Jr. Showmanship competition and soon after aging out of Jr. Competition in 2013 she applied for and received regular status as a Jr Showmanship Judge in 2015!

Diana not only was a regular in conformation but she was very active in the American Pointer Club and serves as Chair of the APC Jr. Showmanship Committee since 2015 and also serves on the Health and Research Committee. As she remained active in various Pointer activities her interest in canine medicine began to grow and

prompted her to become a veterinarian which eventually led her to Tufts University and begin her education and aspiring career.

Diana Chan is a true testament to the future of Pointers for their care, good health and love as well as her interest in all canines. Much success to you for a bright future.

Delegate's report March 2021

The annual meeting of AKC was held on March 9,2021 and was a virtual meeting.

Highlights of the meeting are within the report as are the various AKC Committees I attended virtually.

As always, if you have any additional questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny D. Seymour
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APC Delegate

The following are highlights from the various virtual committee meetings attended March 1-5, 2021

March 1 / Dog Show Rules Committee

- > Events: Entries are down by 1.4 million
- > Litters and dog registrations have seen the highest increase in the last 6 years
- > The September and December AKC Delegates meeting (which were virtual) saw the highest attendance in the last three years.
- > Advanced Agility classes have been added
- > Clubs may "OPT OUT" of offering the Jr. Program for non-purebred dogs
- > Bred By Exhibitor class puppies still under discussion and AKC will do a probability study for implementation costs.

March 1 / By Laws Committee

> Discussion on the Jr Showmanship program (exhibiting non purebred dogs) / Pilot program came from the Sub Committee via AKC Staff / Jr Showmanship comes under Regulations not Rules.

This topic has generated a lot of "Pro's & Con's!"

> Discussion on DNA testing for parent dogs and encouraging Parent Clubs to encourage genetic testing of parent dogs. Key Question from this discussion was: "*Who collects the testing and is there integrity of the testing?*" (Collection / Testing / Retrieving Data)

March 2 / Canine Health Committee

→ > Virtual Veterinary Outreach meetings have been successful with an increase in attendance as more are able to attend virtually then have been in person. February meeting in MD and VA had 50 in attendance.

> Report given from the University of PA regarding Longitudinal study of Jr.'s:

→ . 1300 responded to the study who were 10 years out of Jr' competition

→ 74% own 3 to 4 dogs

→ 56% have a 4 year college degree

> Facts presented by AKC regarding 2019

→ 60% of all puppies born are not registered

→ 54,003 bitches were exhibited

→ 43,000 dogs were exhibited

→ "Low Entry" breeds are determined by 3500 or less entries annually

> Discussion on collection of frozen semen and Parent Club involvement

→ Pro's & Con's and various obstacles

→ How many frozen semen banks available

→ Who owns the semen?

→ How many breeders make provisions in their will for the collected semen?

→ If Parent Clubs are involved with distribution can "human personalities" be separated

→ from the betterment of the breed?

→ Consider too, that Top Winning dogs may have health issues but a litter mate may have similar conformation attributes without major health concerns.

> Health Testing Discussion:

→ Clear definition of the "Goal" to include diversity and quantity

→ It was reported that 80% of Bloodhound litters are non Parent Club Members

→ The Otterhound Club of America is developing a Breeder Mentorship program

→ "Titles, Awards and Recognition" seem to be more important then sustaining the breed

→ Suggestions for attracting new Parent Club members via breeders: Special member fee for new members / Check renewals of the new members after the first year / Most purchasers of purebred dogs are not conformation driven

March 2 / Field Trial and Hunt Test Committee

> AKC staff report: Compared to 2020, 91% > in HT and 85% > in FT (these are above average for all AKC sport)

> Proposed by AKC: Field events have a Closing date and a Full Event date (which usually occurs before the entry close date.) A wait list may be created for those who met the Close Date but not the Full Date. Wait list is to be taken in "order received". Clubs may do it "overall" or by testing level to determine who to choose from wait list. The information must be included in the premium list and it is a club option.

The FT/HT Committee asked to have input on the proposal and would provide by July 2021.

March 3 / Parent Club Committee

- > Annual Parent Club Conference (for Delegate or Parent Club Board member) scheduled for August
- > 1800 pieces of state legislation was reported, some positive and some negative
- > AKC is currently reviewing By Laws and sample By Laws (to assist clubs) will be posted on the AKC website.
- > Pet Disaster Trailer : 435 clubs have donated over 1 million dollars and over 3 million dollars has been received in total.
- > Best practice report: The following topics were mentioned for clubs to use regarding club development:
 - Membership / Staging National Specialty / Publications / Corporations / Health / Committee Structure / Finances / Jr Programs / Club Elections / Mentoring & Judges Education / Plan for the Future
- > Webinar on AKC website is available for \$60.00 on "Neo Natal Care"
- > Sweepstakes for National Specialties - Clubs have the flexibility to determine age of Sweepstakes
- > Committee informed that the Bloodhound Club of America has sent a letter to the Parent Club Committee and AKC regarding the 2018 Board Policy of Regional Breed Clubs becoming an AKC Club.

The Bloodhound letter asked to consider two points: 1.Place decision of local Special Clubs "on hold"

2. Formulate a plan and proceedings by the Parent Club to assist and formulate plans to create a local breed club.
- > Report on the Jr's Program:

The Jr. Sub Committee recommends the following: Create a Best Practice, living documents to assist all clubs to develop a Jr's Program.

It was also reported that a Jr's pilot program was approved by the BOD, January 2021

The BOD approved an "Opt Out" of the Jr. Pilot Program at the February 2021 BOD meeting.
- > Also reported was the Canine Partners Programs allowed in Junior competition have from 5 to 10% from 4-H programs.
- > It was recommended that clubs add a Jr. Coordinator Chair to act as liaison to educate juniors.

AKC Delegates Meeting – March 9, 2021

The Delegates Meeting was convened at 12:00 pm ET.

The Executive Secretary gave the report of the nominating committee. On the slate are, Rita Biddle, Dominic Carota, Tom Davies and Tom Powers. (All are currently on the board). Running from the floor are Pat Cruz and Gregory Pavezzo.

The President read the names of 11 new delegates and the Executive Secretary read their bios. President Sprung welcomed them to the meeting.

The delegates approved 5 new member clubs. They are The American Boerbel Club, the American Cesky Terrier Fanciers Assoc., Carroll KC, the Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA and Morris Hills Dog Training Club.

Board Chairman, Dr. Tom Davies reported on the positive actions that came out of 2020 due to COVID. New programs that levered technology evolved such as virtual testing for some of our performance sports, increased online learning including 125 Webinars, and 40 regulations and policies enacted by the board to assist clubs. The ANC reached a total of 7 million people, and ESPN will be broadcasting dog sports.

President Dennis Sprung introduced a video which summarized the accomplishments of 2020. It will be available to clubs in the near future.

Financial Report from Ted Phillips as of 12/31/2020

- Year to date Events are down by 46%
- Entries are down by 44%
- Litter Registrations are up by 12% over last year
- Dog Registrations are up 20% over last year
- Investments have done very well

- Expenses were down and revenue increased, resulting in assets being up by \$18mm than 2019.

VOTES

Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 6, Section 2**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Championships*, which modifies required publication components of premium lists including address information and entry fee(s). The section is also reformatted into a bulleted list for easier understanding, made gender neutral and veterinary reference updated for consistency. **Adopted**

READS – to be voted on in June

Read on the proposed amendment to **Article VII, Section 2**, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, which moves an issue concerning the election of Board members from Article VIII, which addresses the nominating committee and nominations for the Board, to Article VII which addresses the election of Board members. The remaining selection of the Bylaw will be renumbered.

Read on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 16, Section 6**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Championships*, removes the phrase referencing one type of independent specialty to generalize the language, provides consistency within the section and allows for future inclusion of additional independent specialties that may be developed without further modification of the section.

There was a presentation by Ron Furman and Bill Lewis of AKC.TV which celebrated the 3rd anniversary of AKC.TV and chronicled the growth over three years. Highlights included the growth of Events and Series. There were 13 live events in 2018, 30+ in 2019 and 35+ planned for 2021.

The 2020 ANC had 180+ hours of live coverage.

The AKC Dog Center, a series that airs live on Tuesdays and Fridays, features Club News and Results, Ask the Experts and AKC Heroes.

In 2021 there are already 7.4mm users and 8.9mm plays.

AKC has successfully partnered with ESPN, and ABC which is part of Disney.

Results of the election, with the top four vote getters being elected were:

Dominic Carota 282

Rita Biddle 247

Tom Davies 229

Tom Powers 208

Pat Cruz 207

Greg Pavezzo 141

We then had a presentation by Ashley Jacot which featured the many new Educational programs offered by the AKC.

The AKC Pup Pals Program has been highly successful and was expanded in 2020 to include both children and adults and recipients now receive a video instead of a handwritten letter.

The webinar program was greatly expended – there were 138 webinars with 8,771 attendees.

Ashley also reviewed programs available to teachers with the emphasis on pure bred dog and responsible dog ownership

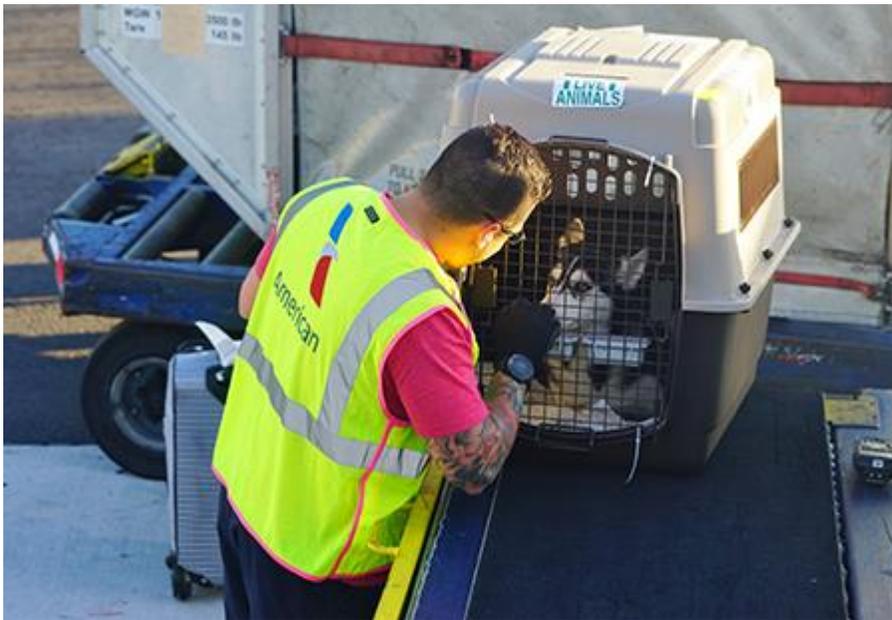
Next meeting is on June 8th.

AKC Final Report on Pointer Litters for 2020

# AKC litters registered in 2020	51
# Pups in each year's litter's	322
Average number of pups per litter	6.31
# Pups from each year's litters individually registered (to date)	214
% Pups from each year's litters individually registered (to date)	66.5%
# Limited Registration from each year's litters (to date)	22
% Pups from each year's litters Registered as Limited (to)	6.8%
# Revoked Limited Dogs from each year's litters (to date)	-
Total from each year's litters in Conformation (to date)	47
% of each year's litters in Conformation (to date)	14.6%
Total from each year's litters in Companion (to date)	-
% of each year's litters in Companion (to date)	0.00%
Total from each year's litters placing in Performance (to date)	22
% of each year's litters placing in Performance (to date)	6.8%

Complete statistics are available from 2008 – 2020 – Contact Susan Savage susietemple@yahoo.com if interested

Dog Rescue Sets up “Base Station in NJ to Import Foreign Dogs



If current trends continue, pretty soon there could be an international dog rescue shelter in a neighborhood near you. In India and China alone (never mind the rest of Asia, Africa, and South America) there are more than 70 million street dogs waiting for American Groups to rescue them. And although they may be sold for more than a healthy, well bred and socialized American dog, there are plenty of Americans ready to pay whatever it takes to save one of them. If this continues, American will no longer have to maintain breeding programs or produce even one dog.

[International dog-rescue group to open first US shelter in Jersey City](#)