To The Point

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President's Message

As we near the end of summer, many are training their dogs in anticipation for the fall field trial and hunt test season. Look on the website for events held by our local clubs. In October, we also have the National Championship in Bloomington, Ohio where the finest of our dogs will be competing.

Plans are in full swing for the '22 National. We are having our first fund raiser, a lovely, framed lithograph of four Elhew Pointers by Cole Johnson. This will be a fabulous addition to anyone's Pointer collection. More information can be found in this edition of the newsletter.

We have a logo for the National designed by our talented Jean Smith. Jean has designed several logos for our Nationals, and we truly appreciate it.

We are looking for anyone in the club who is a graphic artist. Please let me know as we have a project that will require graphic art.
Be well-
Marjorie

Wilderness Pointer Club – Field Trial – October 23-24, 2021 Cartersville, VA
20210713-09 EV
The 2022 Field Trial/Hunt Test will be held at the AG Preserve, Glenwood, GA
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Pointer Club of Southern California – Specialty in conjunction with the Southern California Sporting Dog Fanciers Club, Friday, January 7, 2022 Indio. CA Judge – Dr. Jill Warren 20200810-09 EV
APC 2022 Specialty Field Trial & Hunt Test- Tracy Black, Chairman – Debra Freidus Secretary 20210810-35 CM
APC will purchase a set of 5 Breed medallions for the AKC National Championship. 20210810-28 PM

MORRIS & ESSEX – APC SPECIALTY

October 6, 2021
Judge – Frank DePaulo
Entries Close – September 17, 2021
Superintendent – MBF
Contact Karen Spey if you have any questions
karen.spey@yahoo.com

2022 National Specialty Committee

If anyone is interested in the position of Assistant Ring Steward, please contact Marjorie Martorella marjetta@optonline.net

Asst. Ring Steward may not show on Saturday, April 16th

2022 APC National Specialty PHOTO CONTEST

5 CATEGORIES:

- **Puppies (birth to 6 months)**
- **Family (humans & dogs)**
- **Field (hunting)**
- **Other AKC Performance Events (Agility, Obedience, Dock Diving, FCAT, Nosework, etc…)**
- **Seniors (10 years and up)**

All submissions are to be sent to:
Susan London,
shadybrookny@gmail.com

DEADLINE
February 15, 2022

THE RULES:

No Professional Photos allowed. All photos must be taken by a current APC Member.

Members may enter all or any of the 5 categories. Only one photo submission per person in each category.

Photos **MUST** be sent in high resolution.

All photos will be displayed at the APC National Specialty. National Specialty participants will vote in Perry, Georgia. There will be no online voting.

Each category will be awarded one first place winner. First Place winners will receive a Specialty Rosette.

There will be one **BEST IN SHOW** photo awarded from the 5 categories. The BIS Winner will receive an enlarged canvas wrapped print of their winning photo.

$15.00 entry fee.
Payable to The American Pointer Club.
Mailed to: Susan London, 873 Pine Kill Road,Wurtsboro, NY 12790

2022 APC NATIONAL SPECIALTY RAFFLE!

Title of Picture - *Elhew Pointers*
Size - 31 x 21
Artist - Cole Johnson

TICKET PRICES -1 ticket - $5.00 • 3 tickets - $10.00 • 6 tickets - $25.00

DRAWING OCTOBER 23RD

Send checks made out to the American Pointer Club to Susan Savage, 8 Parkman Place, Old Saybrook, CT 06475or pay on **PayPal** to apctreasurer@americanpointerclub.org.
Please add $1.00 to cover the PayPal charge.

THE WINNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR THE SHIPPING OF THE PRINT.

APC National Field Trial Championship

Entries Close – September 20th at 7:00 PM
Contact Deb Freidus for information
blackthornpt@earthlink.net

Trophy/Rosette Donations Needed

Trophy and Rosette Sponsorship

Please donate towards the National Field Trial Championships by sponsoring a trophy or set of rosettes for the 2021 event. Your name will be included in the National Catalog list of donors. The following trophies and rosettes are available:

Open Puppy Classic
Second place trophy - $50
Third place trophy = $50
Fourth place trophy - $50

Open Derby Classic
Rosettes 1-4 place - $75
Second place trophy - $50
Third place trophy - $50
Fourth place trophy - $50

Field Futurity
Rosettes 1-4 - $75

National Grand Championship
Rosettes 1-4 place - $75
First place trophy - $100
Second place trophy - $75
Third place trophy - $50
Fourth place trophy - $50

National Grand Amateur Championship
Rosettes 1-4 - $75
First place trophy - $100
Second place trophy - $75
Third place trophy - $50
Fourth place trophy - $50

Please contact Debra Freidus to secure your sponsorship.

We will be accepting cash, checks or PayPal **apcncfieldtrial@gmail.com**

. **NEW HUNT TEST REGULATIONS – Effective July 1, 2021**

Chapter 1. General Regulations. Section 15. Closing and Drawing of Entries, Entry Limitations, Running Order. Entries for an AKC licensed or -member club Hunting Test may close at any time prior to the Hunting Test but shall not close later than the day preceding the start of the Hunting Test. (New paragraph) Waiting List. A club holding a limited entry Hunting Test may, at its option, create a waiting list for entries that are received after the test has filled but prior to the published closing date. If, after closing and up to the day of the event, there are entries that are known will not be participating, dogs may be taken from the waiting list to run in the position of the absent dogs. Owners/handlers must agree to have their dog placed on the waiting list. A club utilizing a waitlist may either add dogs across all test levels (a senior hunter scratch could result in a dog being added to the master level test) or the waitlist can be test level specific (a senior hunter scratch can only result in a dog being added to the senior level test). The decision between these two options is up to the event committee. If a club decides to utilize a waitlist, it must be explained in the premium. If the waitlist applies across all test levels, the decision to add dogs from the waitlist shall be made up to the start of the event. If the waitlist applies to a specific test level, the decision to add dogs shall be made up to the start of that test level. Dogs called from the waiting list shall be prioritized in the order the entries were received

Veterinary Tidbits

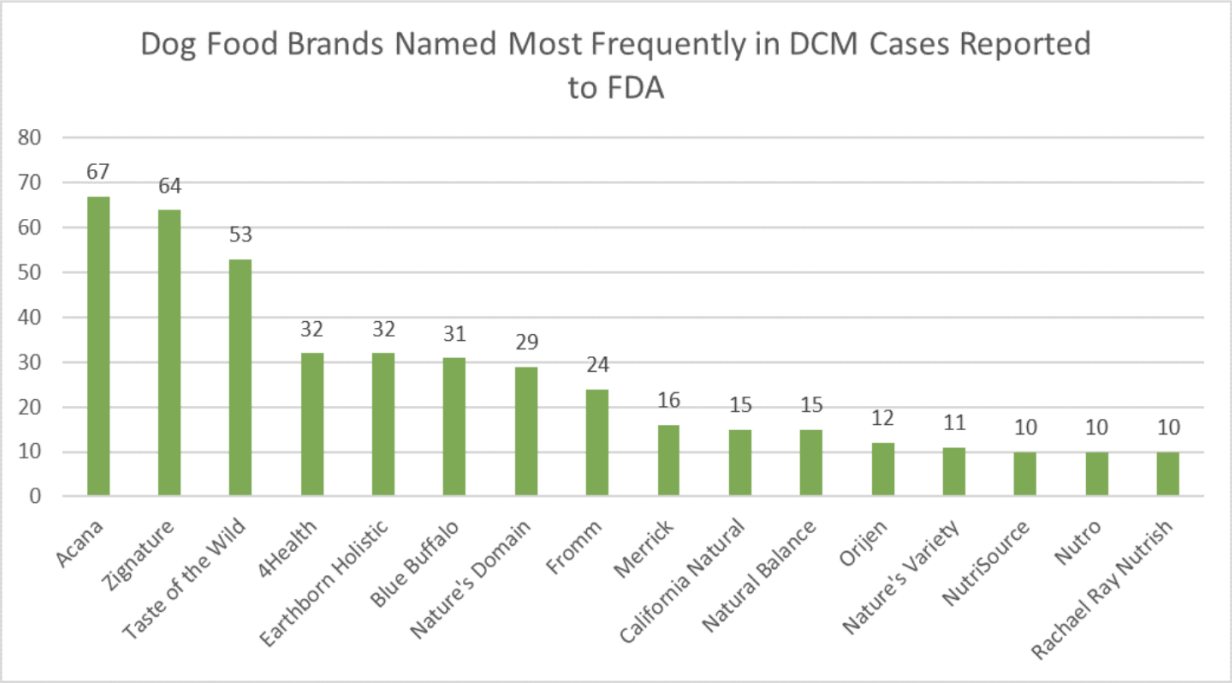
The following has been written by Diana Chan – She is a member of the APC Health & Research Committee.

Do you know what you're feeding your dog?

Dog food has been under a particularly watchful eye in recent years. A marketing fad quickly became a topic of ridicule as a pattern emerged that led Food and Drug Administration officials to investigate grain-free diets. Associations have emerged between dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) in dogs and grain-free diets, particularly those high in peas, lentils, or both. Dr. Steven M. Solomon, director of the FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine, explained that "dogs in cases submitted to FDA were reported to have consumed diets containing high proportions of pulse ingredients, which are dried legume seeds, including peas, chickpeas, and lentils." While it is worthwhile to acknowledge these associations, it is important to note that while there are many theories, there are currently no definitive answers to explain how these diets cause DCM.

In July 2018, FDA officials issued an alert that they had been receiving reports of DCM in breeds not typically thought to be predisposed to the disease. Historically, Cocker Spaniels and large-breed dogs such as Doberman Pinschers, Boxers, Great Danes, Irish Wolfhounds and Standard Schnauzers, were most commonly affected. Patients with DCM develop expansion of the heart muscle which leads to less effective contraction, resulting in lethargy, weakness, coughing, increased respiratory rate, and ultimately congestive heart failure.

In June 2019, the FDA posted an update on their investigation into diet-associated DCM. This update included pet food brands most frequently named in DCM reports as depicted in the following graph that was released by the FDA.

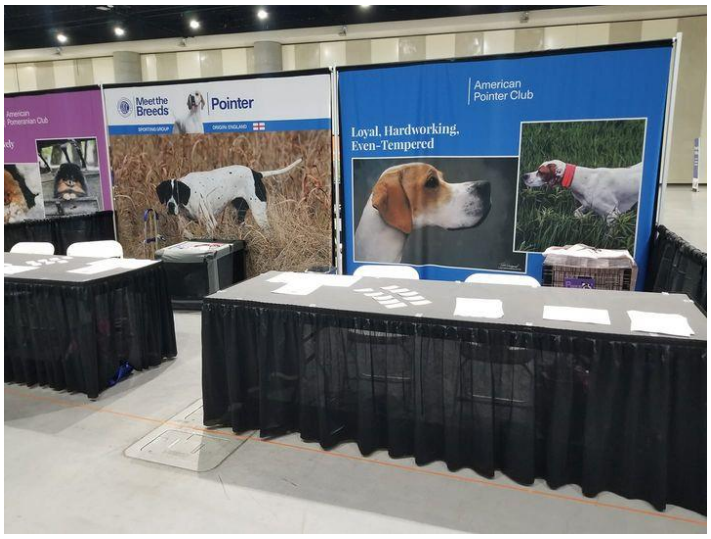


Editor's note – The newsletter is looking for more articles or bits of information for our members regarding veterinary issues. Please send to Susan Savage for publishing in the Newsletter. Any little bit of info that might be of interest to our breed or canines in general please send. susietemple@yahoo.com

MEET THE BREEDS

This is the APC Banner for the Pointer Booth at the San Diego Meet the Breeds created by the AKC. Unfortunately, the following events have been canceled due to the pandemic. Dallas, Tampa Bay, Chicago, Philadelphia and Raleigh. So far the following Meet the Breeds are still scheduled in November - Columbus and New Orleans.

Thank you to Cynthia Brink and Helayne Parker for manning the Pointer booth in San Diego.



Frozen Semen Database

Jennifer Nesbitt-Gardinza and Maggie Platt have put together a community Google spreadsheet and an international listing of Frozen Semen. It is a self-entered and updated list. You must request the list be shared with them by contacting Jennifer Nesbitt-Gardizna evermorecs@earthlink.net or Maggie Platt penzance@charter.net.

APC NATIONAL SPECIALTY FIELD TRIAL/HUNT TEST

MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE APC NS FIELD TRIAL/HUNT TEST TO BE HELD ON APRIL 11-12 AT THE AG PRESERVE, GLENWOOD, GA.
The Preserve has 400 acres of fenced in field trial grounds plus many amenities. More information will be available on the APC website.

Tracy Black – Field Trial Chairman

Deb Freidus – Field Trial Secretary

Congratulations to Diana Chan for being one of five recipients of the following scholarship.

AKC Humane Fund Announces Winners of the 2021 Sir John D. Spurling, OBE, KCVO Scholarship

New York, NY – The AKC Humane Fund, Inc. is pleased to announce the 2021 recipients of the Sir John D. Spurling Scholarship, celebrating the human-canine bond. Each year, the AKC Humane Fund awards five full-time students enrolled in courses of study that contribute to the well-being of dogs and the advancement of responsible pet ownership.

The scholarship is named in honor of Sir John D. Spurling, founder of PetPartners, Inc. which provides comprehensive and affordable pet health insurance to dog and cat owners throughout the United States.

"Demonstrating dedication and responsible pet ownership is important to the AKC Humane Fund, and these five outstanding students show that they are the future of exemplary pet care professionals," said Doug Ljungren, President of the AKC Humane Fund. "Each of the recipients has demonstrated excellence in their academic records and their dedication to the well-being of dogs. They have earned this scholarship and we are pleased to award them with it."

The AKC Humane Fund awards $2,000 to each of the five scholarship recipients, payable as tuition assistance to accredited institutions in which each student is enrolled in courses of study focusing on the care of pets.
The 2021 recipients are:

Kaitlyn Praisler – Morehead State University
Diana Chan – Tufts University, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
Maya Harlow – Mississippi State University
Cassie Van Hoof – Michigan State University
Madison Luker – University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

REGIONAL CLUB NEWS

Pane's Fun Filled Weekend that offered a Field Training Seminar and one on one training session and a mock huntest on Saturday, August 21st was a success. Unfortunately, because of Hurricane Henri, the Sunday mock hunting test had to be cancelled. Nevertheless many of those who participated are planning to continue on with training their dogs in the field.