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President's Message

As you know, the 2023 National will be in Perry Georgia. We need volunteers to serve as Show Chair as well as committee chairs. The specialties are successful due to the efforts put forth by the membership. Please consider donating your time and service to the club. Contact me with the committee you would like to chair. marjetta@optonline.net

We will be receiving a ballot for judges for the 2024 National which will be held in Doswell, VA. We are two years out but it is not too soon for the members to try and find another location for the 2025 national. If you want to have an independent national, please go on the website and review the National Specialty Guidelines so you can submit a proper bid. You can also suggest a venue with an All-Breed cluster that could accommodate us. Remember, it needs to be in either March, April or May. The cluster should offer companion events and there should be field trial grounds available in the area.

After many years of dedication, Helyne Medeiros has resigned as AKC Gazette Columnist. If you are interested in this position, please let me know.

Enjoy the holidays!
Marjorie

Don't Forget membership dues are due by 12/31/21

2022 National Specialty Information

All information for the national specialty can be found on the APC website. As soon as any new information is available it will be posted almost immediately. Also, a packet of information will be emailed to the members.

2022 Apparel

Due to the supply chain issues no apparel will be available for preorder. Apparel will be available for purchase at the show. Orders can also be taken at the show.

2022 NATIONAL SPECIALTY CATALOG ADVERSTISING

"A Picture is worth a thousand words"

Ads are great for advertising your "Special"
dog either one from today or from yester years ...

Full page, black & white, $62 (includes processing fee)
Full page, color $88 (includes processing fee)
Inside front or back cover, $103 (includes processing fee)
If paying by check there is no processing fee. $60 b/w, $85 and $100 for the color ads

Free Professional ad design by Theresa M. Lyons
Send photos and text to TheresaLyonsAds@aol.com
no later than **Monday, February 21, 2022.**

NO LATE ADS WILL BE ACCPETED!

For details on payments, please see Premium List
posted at: www.americanpointerclub.org

Trophies Available For Sponsoring

To be listed as sponsor in the premium, trophy must be paid for by **February 15th, 2022**
Email desired trophy(s) to Lydia Frey at snowbrookdogs@gmail.com
Payment for trophies may be made to the APC via check or PayPal.
PayPal address – treasurerweb@americanpointerclub.org
Treasurer address – June Johnston – 1038 Boyd Rd, Ashland City, TN
After 1/1/22 – Lisa Lipton – 3737 Greenway Lane, Owings Mill, MD 21177

Class	Trophy	Cost
Best of Breed	Leather Serving Tray	$125
Best of Winners	Large Rectangular Cutting Board	$75
Best of Opposite Sex	Leather Serving Tray	$125
Select Dog	Bamboo Chef's Easel	$75
Select Bitch	Bamboo Chef's Easel	$75
Award of Merit (10 total)	Wooden Serving Platter	$20
Winners Dog	Large Round Bamboo Platter	$75
Reserve Winners Dog	Small Round Bamboo Platter	$50
Winners Bitch	Large Round Bamboo Platter	$75
Reserve Winners Bitch	Small Round Bamboo Platter	$50
NOHS Best of Breed	Bamboo Chef's Easel	$50
Best Bred By Exhibitor	Bamboo Chef's Easel	$50
Best Puppy	Rectangular Bamboo Platter	$35
Best Veteran	Rectangular Bamboo Platter	$35
Best Veteran Dog	30 oz Drink Tumbler	$35
Best Veteran Bitch	30 oz Drink Tumbler	$35
Best Generations	Rectangular Bamboo Platter	$35
Best Brace	Rectangular Bamboo Platter	$35

Best in Field	Rectangular Bamboo Platter	$35

Class	Trophy	Cost
Stud Dog	30 oz Drink Tumbler	$35
Brood Bitch	30 oz Drink Tumbler	$35
Best Junior Handler	30 oz Drink Tumbler	$35
Reserve Best Junior Handler	30 oz Drink Tumbler	$35
Best in Maturity	Large Round Bamboo Platter	$75
Best in Futurity	Large Round Bamboo Platter	$75
Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity	Paddle Bamboo Cutting Board	$35
Best in Sweepstakes	Large Round Bamboo Platter	$50
Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes	Paddle Bamboo Cutting Board	$35
Best in Veteran Sweepstakes	Large Round Bamboo Board	$50
Best of Opposite in Veteran Sweepstakes	Paddle Bamboo Cutting Board	$35
4-6 Best of Breed	Small Round Bamboo Platter	$40
4-6 Best of Opposite Sex	Small Round Bamboo Platter	$40
High Scoring Dog in Obedience	Small Round Bamboo Platter	$40
HIgh Combined Score in Open B/Utility	Small Round Bamboo Platter	$40
High Combined Score in Rally	Small Round Bamboo Platter	$40
High Scoring Dog in Standard Agility	Small Round Bamboo Platter	$40
High Scoring Dog in Preferred Agility	Small Round Bamboo Platter	$40
Class Placements	Crate Tags	$40 per class

Veterinary Tidbits

Vet Cancer Screening Test

Cancer is an all-too-common occurrence in Pointers. Unfortunately, most cancers are not discovered until after the dog is already sick. There is a new simple ELISA based screening test- NU.Q Vet Cancer Screening Test, using DNA and nucleosomes. This test can detect lymphosarcoma and hemangiosarcoma before symptoms appear. Combined with blood work, biopsy and ultrasound/radiographs this test can help streamline the detection of these cancers. An earlier diagnosis will provide for earlier treatment and allow more quality time with the owners. It will, as well, help in the decision-making process of how to proceed. Hopefully in the future this test will be able to diagnose histiocytic sarcoma which is common in Pointers.

Compared to healthy controls, this test has 97% specificity and detected 82% of hemangiosarcoma and 77% of lymphoma cases. There are four levels of results that range from low-level to very high-level suspicion of cancer. It is a simple blood test, but the dog should be fasted. Samples are sent by your veterinarian overnight to the Texas A&M GI Laboratory and results are reported in 3-5 days. Pet owners can download or order printed copies of a leaflet by contacting AskNu.QVet@volition.com.

Hopefully this is just the beginning of nucleosome-based diagnostic testing in canines. Routine screening can be done during geriatric annual exams or if the owners suspect that something is just not right with their dog.

Debra Freidus, DVM Member of the APC Health & Research Committee

NEW DATES FOR WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB SHOW – 2022

Pointer Judging - Wednesday, January 26, 2022 – Pier 36 New York City

Unfortunately - No spectators will be allowed at Pier 36, or in the benching area at Madison Square Garden (MSG)

Breed Judge MR. JUAN MIRANDA of Mexico City, Mexico along with his parents, is the breeder, owner, and handler of Afghans of Damos, the top winning hounds in the history of México since 1980. As a Junior Handler, he won the World Championship three times, earned third place at Crufts, and was a Finalist at Westminster. Mr. Miranda's Afghans have been awarded Best in Show worldwide, including at the Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty and the World Championship.

His judging career started as the youngest FCI All-Breeds International judge. Mr. Miranda has judged on five continents, including at The World Dog Show and the AKC National Championship. This is his first judging assignment at Westminster.

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APC National Championship Field Trial Committee is offering the following apparel

5 fleece beanies, navy blue

16 caps, navy blue

T shirts, white beefy T, nice quality 4 XL and 8 large left

8 lo ball stainless insulated cups, black with white dog logo

All items are $20 ea plus shipping. Contact Angela Schillereff for purchasing and shipping costs.
sikennels@aol.com

PAYETTE Idaho
WHAT HOME FEELS

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE 2022 AMERICAN POINTER CLUB NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Prairie Wind Ranch, Payette Idaho

OCTOBER 5-9, 2022

Field Trial Chair – Angela Schillereff

Field Trial Secretary – Debra Freidus

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Dear Club Legislative Liaisons, Officers and Delegates, please take action on this alert, and forward it to your club members asking them to take action too. Scroll down for information and resources, including new sample letter to help you and your clubs take action.

A set of arbitrary and harmful federal breeder bills, H.R. 2840 /S. 1385 that would mandate new requirements for certain hobby and professional dog breeders are continuing to gain support in Congress. We urge all responsible dog owners, breeders and enthusiasts to contact their lawmakers about the harmful consequences of the bills.

While certain aspects of this feel-good measure, called the 'Puppy Protection Act', codify general good practices, other parts establish arbitrary, one-size-fits all mandates that are not in the best interests of all dogs and undermine individual flexibility that allows for best practices and optimal outcomes.

In recent months, animal rights or "protection" groups have been pressuring members of Congress to sign onto the bills. *More than 180 lawmakers have signed onto the bills as co-sponsors, increasing the likelihood that the measures could advance rapidly in year-end legislative negotiations.*

We urge all responsible dog owners, breeders and enthusiasts to take a moment to contact your members of Congress to ask them not to support this 'feel-good' measure and one-size fits all mandates that can harm responsible breeders and specialized breeding practices. A better approach is to provide resources to help USDA enforce existing pet breeder requirements.

Scroll down to learn more about these bills, view a sample letter, and get information on how to contact your members of Congress.

Arbitrary requirements include but are not limited to:

- Mandated indoor space sufficient to allow the tallest dog in an enclosure to stand on his or her hind legs without touching the roof of the enclosure.
- Mandated unfettered access from dogs' primary enclosures to an outdoor exercise area large enough that it "allows dogs to extend to full stride". This creates a potentially dangerous environment for dogs.
- Mandated annual dental exams.
- Completely solid flooring, despite scientific recognition that multiple types of high-quality flooring, including engineered slatted flooring, is beneficial in certain kennel types.
- Mandated pre-breeding screenings. No specific details are provided for what the screening would involve or who would make such decisions.
- Prohibition on the keeping of dogs in enclosures above 85 degrees or below 45 degrees F, regardless of breed or acclimation needs for dogs that hunt, sled, detect explosives, or do other work and thrive in cooler temperatures, or must be acclimated to cooler or warmer temperatures for their safety.

Further, it prohibits the breeding of a female dog:

- Unless pre-screened by a veterinarian
- If it would produce more than two litters in an 18-month period.
- Based arbitrarily on the age and size of the dog.

While some portions of the measures include reasonable *generalized* guidelines for canine care, ***arbitrary requirements that ignore best practices for individual outcomes are not appropriate for federal mandates***. Arbitrary, one-size-fits-all requirements do not take into account the broad range of breeds and types of dogs or best health and breeding practices. They also do not allow for creative approaches that allow expert breeders and owners to provide optimal care for their individual dogs and advance the art and science of responsible dog breeding.

To learn more, see and share *Breeder Expertise, Thoughtful Analysis Demonstrate Dangerous Flaws in 'Feel Good' Dog Law*.

How This Impacts You:

These measures would apply to anyone who is subject to USDA breeder/dealer licensing. Breeders are subject to USDA licensing if they maintain more than 4 "breeding females" (a term that is undefined but is generally considered to mean an intact female) and sell or transfer even one of the offspring "sight unseen". "Breeding females" include *any combination of* cats, dogs, or other small pet mammals such as hamsters, guinea pigs, etc. (Learn more).

What you Can Do:

Most members of Congress want to do the right thing for dogs, but they are not experts in this area. It's likely they do not understand the nuances or unintended consequences of arbitrary legislation that may "sound good" to a non-expert. They also hear a lot from animal rights/ protection groups, and they also rely on hearing from constituents. *Unless we help educate our lawmakers, we will be subject to bad laws.*

Your member of Congress needs to hear from you. Please **contact your member of Congress and your U.S. Senators today**. Visit AKC's Legislative Action Center and type your address in the "Find Your Elected Officials" box to find out who represents you and get their contact information.

Tell them:

1. H.R. 2840/S. 1385 mandate arbitrary one-size-fits-all requirements for temperatures, kennel engineering standards, and breeding bans that are not appropriate for all types or breeds of dogs and could harm some dogs.
2. Explain you are a constituent. Respectfully share your experience and concerns as a dog owner/breeder/expert and based on the talking points above.
3. Ask them to not support advancing the bills out of committee.
4. If you can, let the AKC GR team (doglaw@akc.org) know you contacted your lawmakers and if you received any response.

Or, if you prefer, you can:

- Use this sample letter or as a model for your communication.
- Go directly to our campaign to contact your Representatives.

For questions or more information, contact doglaw@akc.org, visit *www.akcgr.org* or contact 919-816-3720.

Thank you for your action to protect the future of our breeds and the integrity of responsible, expert breeders.

Contact your Representatives Now!