To The Point

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President's Message

For a long time, I have been asking why we can't do a video of our dogs in the field. I have felt this could be extremely valuable to show at Judge's Seminars so the aspiring judges could see our dogs doing what they are bred to do.

When I received an email from Dawn Salpeck from the AKC announcing that they are organizing a **Meet the Breed in the Field**, I was so excited. Here are some of the details of this project:

Format

1. The top 15 pointing breeds in terms of registrations will be invited to participate. Each Parent Club is asked to select one or two dogs to represent their breed. One dog will represent the breed for the breed characteristics segment of the program. The same dog or a different dog will represent the breed in the field demonstration.
2. A conformation judge will explain the breed's primary characteristics. Often a breed's characteristics are related to where and when the breed was developed, therefore the history of the breed will be briefly discussed.
3. In the field, dogs will be braced together and filmed to demonstrate their field work. Timing is constrained so filming each brace will be short.
4. AKC will experiment with a drone and GoPros. If successful, this will add a new dimension to demonstrate the dogs at work.

This event will take place in November in North Carolina. This is so positive for the sport and our breed. I hope to be able to share it with the membership at the Breeder's Seminar in Perry at our National.

A huge thank you to AKC!

APC National Championship

Oct 5 – 9, 2022

Prairie Wind Ranch, Payette, Idaho

Premium List can be found on the APC Website

Contact Angela Schillereff sikennels@gmail.com or Deb Freidus blackthornpt@earthlink.net for more information

Catalog Ads: Please support the Nationals with your photos of your bird dogs in our National Catalog. Full page color for $50. Contact our Catalog Editor Tracy Black to submit your advertisement at 281-787-7788 or email tracyblack318@gmail.com

Please send **trophy donations** to Deb Freidus – blackthornpt@earthlink.net

Auction/Raffle: Please contact Angela Schillereff to donate auction and raffle items. Email SIKennels@aol.com or phone 503-803-0994. You may ship them in advance to her at: Angela Schillereff 23200 NW Reeder Road Portland, OR 97231

Questions or Concerns

Please direct any questions or concerns you may have to the Corresponding Secretary.

You will have a quick reply

Correspondingsecretary@americanpointerclub.org

Welcome back Glen Boyer – A long time member has rejoined the club.

.Motion to approve Kelly Shupp to judge Junior Showmanship at the 2023 National specialty 20220712-27 PM

Motion to accept the audit report for the 2021 financials 20220712-29-PM

Report from the Chair of the Judges Education Committee on two seminars:

Houston, TX and Greenville, SC

"Down & Back"

Judges Education should be a priority of every parent club as it provides prospective judges the opportunity to learn, understand and interpret the approved breed standard both as written and with the opportunity of "hands-on" of breed specimens.

What makes good Pointer judges? The answer may produce a thousand different responses as everyone interprets art in many ways and the "Pointer" is no exception. Yet, we start with the material used to educate judges making sure it presents the breed in the best possible way not just in the judges education seminars but with supplemental material provided to support judges education…even after they receive AKC approval to judge!

There are other factors which contribute to a good Pointer judge and that comes from our seasoned breeders and stewards of our breed who act as appoved mentors at shows and at home as well as provide hands-on dogs for seminars.

As we evaluate our process of judges education we know material, mentors, presentors are all imortant factors to provide quality education. We also know all mentors are not good presenters. Many people just are not comfortable presenting in front of groups and some who are, are just not good presenters! Regardless, it requires a certain skill to try and hold someones attention for a 90 minute seminar on the breed standard! Think back when you were in K-12; what teachers left the most impression on your education and why?

"Around They Go"

The following two Judges Education with Hands-On were presented :

- Houston,Texas / Saturday July 23, 2022 / Susan Bleckley, presenting
  APC was invited by the Dog Judges Association of America to present along with 20 other invited breed clubs. The seminar was attended by 15 prospective Pointer judges and the hands-on had 17 attending. Susan indicated the attendees complimneted APC on both the seminar & hands-on presentation and the quality of Pointers presented.
  "Very Special" thanks to the following APC members for providing Pointer's:

Terry Ellis ***Lee Ann Stagg*** ***Katey Brown*** ***Courtney-Grogin-Dieckman (former APC member)***

- Greenville , South Carolina / Saturday July 30, 2022 / Danny Seymour, presenting
  APC was invited by the Carolina Dog Show Judges Group to present along with 13 other sporting breeds. There were 9 prospective judges in attendence for both the seminar and hands-on. The evaluations and comments from the attendees was well received and complimented APC on the material handed out to them. APC would like to give very special thanks to the "Carolina Contengency" for providing all the Pointers for both the seminar and hands-on:
  Leslie Puppo Rodgers ***Richard Rodgers*** ***Lydia Frey*** ***Tina McDonnell*** ***Chandler N. Sharpe (friend of Tina's & Lydia)***

Until next time!
Danny Seymour
APC Chair
Judges Education.

PARVO-LIKE ILLNESS REPORTED IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN DOGS: UPDATES

Thank you, Debra Freidus, for forwarding the link to the College of Veterinary Medicine - Michigan State University. Keep up with their updates – cvm.msu.edu Below is the latest update published before this newsletter was sent to be distributed to the APC membership

August 24, 2022 - Update from the State Veterinarian on Canine Parvovirus Cases in Northern Michigan

MDARD Media Contacts: Chelsea Lewis-Parisio, 517-331-1151 or Jennifer Holton, 517-284-5724
MSU VDL Media Contact: Courtney Chapin, 517-432-5832
LANSING, MI — To date, the results from the additional testing facilitated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and completed by the Michigan State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (MSU VDL) have revealed the illness impacting dogs in Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula to be canine parvovirus. The affected dogs did not have a history of complete vaccination.
"Canine parvovirus is a severe and highly contagious disease in dogs and veterinary professionals have extensive experience with this virus," said **State Veterinarian Nora Wineland, DVM.** "We have a highly effective vaccine available to help protect dogs from the virus. Dogs that are not fully vaccinated against this virus are the most at risk. Dog owners across Michigan must work closely with their veterinarians to ensure their dogs are appropriately vaccinated and given timely boosters to keep their pets safe and healthy. Protecting Michigan's dogs is a team effort."
"This situation is complex because although the dogs displayed clinical signs suggestive of parvovirus, they consistently test negative by point-of-care tests performed in clinics and shelters," said **MSU VDL director Kim Dodd, DVM.** "Screening tests for parvo are done to help guide immediate isolation, disinfection, and treatment protocols. While those tests are valuable in the clinical setting, they are not as sensitive as the diagnostic tests we can perform here in the laboratory. We continue to further characterize the virus in hopes of better understanding why those animals were testing negative on screening tests."
Veterinarians are encouraged to pursue additional diagnostics at the MSU VDL when screening tests for canine parvovirus are negative but clinical presentation is consistent with parvovirus infection. Please call MSU VDL (517-353-1683) with any questions about sample collection, submission, or diagnostic options and contact MDARD (800-292-3939) if unusual or reportable illnesses are seen.

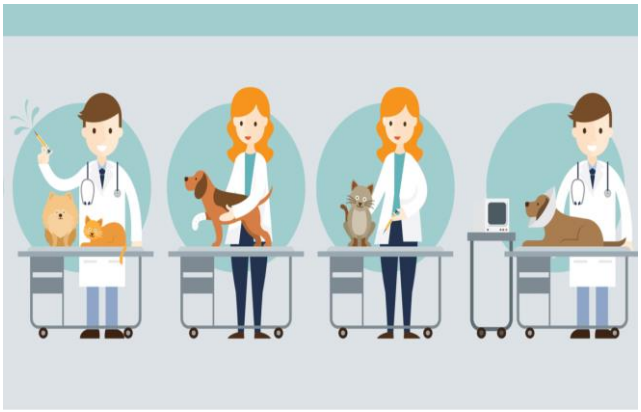
The discovery of these cases should not cause dog owners to drastically change how they care for their pets or where they plan to travel. If dogs are fully vaccinated against canine parvovirus, they are protected against severe illness, but it is important to always consult with your veterinarian.

As canine parvovirus is a common illness in dogs, veterinary clinic staff know how to keep dogs safe when seeing them for vaccinations and other forms of preventative care.

MDARD is encouraging all dog owners to take a few simple steps to protect their animals:

- Keep up with routine vaccinations by ensuring dogs/puppies are vaccinated against canine parvovirus, rabies, canine distemper, adenovirus, parainfluenza, and leptospirosis by a veterinarian.
- Have dogs/puppies fully vaccinated before interacting with other animals to keep them healthy and safe.
- Keep dogs/puppies at home and away from other dogs if they are exhibiting any signs of illness and contact your veterinarian.
- Be sure to clean up after your pet when you're walking them in public.

Canine parvovirus is NOT contagious to people or other species of domestic animals. The disease is common in Michigan and is not required to be reported to the state veterinarian's office.



ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE AUGUST 2022 MEETING OF THE AKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Emergency Procedures at Dog Events

The Emergency Procedures at Dog Events Policy was modified to allow a CPR certified qualified healthcare professional (QHP) as an option for fulfilling the policy requirements. An example of a QHP is a physician, physician's assistant, nurse, nurse practitioner, etc. who by virtue of their education, credentials, and experience are permitted by law to evaluate and care for patients. The policy changes are underlined below.

3. All clubs are strongly encouraged to have a qualified emergency medical technician (CR certified) or CPR certified qualified healthcare professional (QHP) in attendance at each event.

4. At group and all-breed conformation events, clubs are required to have a qualified emergency medical technicial (CPR certified) or CPR certified qualified healthcare professional (QHP) in attendance from one hour prior to the start of judging until completion of all judging

Disqualification and Reinstatement

The Disqualification and Reinstatement procedure was modified to establish that dogs disqualified more than once under the provisions of Chapter 11 Section 8-A of the *Rules Appling to Dog Shows* are ineligible for reinstatement. This applies to disqualifications by judges for attacking a person in the ring, by Event Committee for attaching and injuring a person or a dog, or administratively barred due to multiple excusals for aggression.

Five Event Committee Members Must Be Individually Listed in the Premium List

As a reminder, AKC rules and regulations require that at least five (5) members of the Event Committee must be individually listed in the premium list. All members of the Event Committee must be from the event giving club and they must be in good standing with both the club and the AKC.

These a few of the actions taken by the AKC Board of Directors. Look for more of the actions taken by the AKC Board in the next AKC Gazette.

Upcoming Events

Pointer Associates of New England Back-to-Back Specialties – Saturday, September 24th
Goshen Fairgrounds, Goshen CT AM Breed Judge – James Albrecht Sweeps Judge – Donna Pageau PM Breed Judge – Marla Dohney Sweeps Judge – Linda Clark
Superintendent – Rau Dog Shows
Questions – Contact Debra Freidus blackthornpt@earthlink.net

Wilderness Pointer Club of Virginia – Back-to-Back Specialties – Friday, October 21st
Mid Oak Farm Hunting Preserve, Cartersville, VA AM Breed Judge – Claire Abraham Sweeps Judge – Gerri Auchincloss
PM Breed Judge – Sharon Redmer Sweeps Judge – Rachel Kelly
Superintendent – Rachel Seger
Questions – Contact Betsy Thompson – bgthompson96@gmail.com

Wilderness Pointer Club of Virginia - Hunt Test – Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd
Mid Oak Farm Hunting Preserve, Cartersville, VA
Contact – Allen Armistead – allen4me@aol.com

Wilderness Pointer Club of Virginia – Field Trial – Friday, September 28th – Sunday, September 30th
Mid Oak Farm Hunting Preserve Cartersville, VA
Contac – Erica Bandes – kinnike101@gmail.com

All Upcoming events can be found on the Events page of the APC Website

Did you know!

LEON SHIVER HONORED AT GRAND JUNCTION

submitted by Joyce Skrob

Weatherwise, it left a lot to be desired; but otherwise, February 12, 1994 will be a day I'll always remember.

We found ourselves on the road to Grand Junction, Tennessee during the "storm of the century". The power was out, there were no traffic signals, and only one place open to eat. But, in truth and in fact, I wouldn't have missed it, and apparently many other folks felt the same way.

Pictured L to R Shan & Leon Shiver, M C Blackmon & Gary Lockee

The occasion was to honor close friend and well respected part of the Field Trial community, Mr Leon Shiver. Leon was being honored with a Life-Time Memorial Patron Membership in the National Bird Dog Foundation.

The opening remarks were presented by the President of the Bird Dog Foundation, Mr Gary Lockee. Mr Lockee along with Mr John O'Neal, a director of the Foundation, outlined the need and purpose of this award. The Foundation saw a need to recognize people of achievement and distinction, as well as dogs of distinction.

Mr M C Blackmon was the sole donor of the Leon Shiver Memorial Placque. Mr Blackmon worked with Mr Shiver at the Jim Dandy Dog Food Company and is a valued friend.

In addition to Leon's friends and family, there were other distinguished guests in attendance that included Mr Bernard Matthys, editor of the American Field magazine, and Mr Delmar Smith.

It seemed appropriate to celebrate this life patron membership in a sport that has a 120 year history by honoring a man that has actively participated as an exhibitor and a judge for more than 60 years. Leon judged his first trial in 1933, and has judged many of the most prestigious trials in the country including the Dixie Open, the American Field Quail Futurity, and the All American Quail Championship. The extent of his judging is unmatched, as he enjoyed the performances of many of the great dogs in recent history. Leon judged the great Warhoop Jake in his last championship.

Leon managed the Wycott Plantation in Eufaula, Alabama for 19 years and produced many great dogs, including Wycott's Eufaula Celebration, two time winner of the National Shooting Dog Championship in 1952 and 1954. Leon also bred Tennessee Walking horses and showed them successfully to multiple World Championships.

Leon and his wife, Shan, bred more than 90 AKC pointer champions, including solids. The Shivers breeding under the "Shandown" prefix also finished as many as 10 champions in one litter. They enjoyed many Best In Show winners among their pointers, boxers, fox hounds and cockers.

Leon is honored and respected by his peers as a judge, a breeder, a club official, and a competitor, and he now has a permanent tribute in the National Bird Dog Museum.