

To The Point



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Happy Holidays and a Very Happy and Healthy New Year

Absolute Final Deadline for Dues is February 15, 2023

If paying by PayPal please do so before 12/31/22.

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Presidents Message

This will be my final President's Message. I have enjoyed working with the board for the past three years and feel we have accomplished a lot for the club. I am highlighting some of these accomplishments.

First, we launched the new website. We are still learning the many facets of the system. It is a work in progress as there are many functions that are not being utilized. Hopefully the new board will make certain to focus on this as it will be cost effective and simplify the work of the Treasurer and the Secretary in particular.

We also moved to be able to have our Nationals in conjunction with All Breed shows. The first one was last year in Perry, Georgia. I think everyone who attended it will agree it was a huge success. One of the reasons for this change was to save the club money. It was also much easier for the members who worked to make it a success as the set-up was done by the superintendent. As you know, we are back in Perry next April and after that with a cluster in Doswell, VA. in April 2024. The site for the 2025 national will be decided next year. Anyone who wants to put in a bid or a recommendation of a cluster, the deadline for submission is Feb. 15th.

We sent out a Judge's study card with illustrations from our Illustrated Standard. It is formatted so that it fits into the AKC Binder used for breed standards. We received many kudos from the judging community for sending this to them.

The Board also approved the formation of a Finance Committee whose task is to provide oversight and recommendations for full accountability of the club's financial affairs.

We participated in AKC's Meet the Breeds in the Field event. It would be very beneficial to anyone judging our breed to see the dogs at work. It will also be useful for anyone considering getting a Pointer.

All on the Board communicated with the membership. If questions or concerns were asked, they were answered in a timely manner. As issues came up, we also dealt with them promptly.

Thank you for having me serve as your President for the past three years.

I hope you all have a happy and healthy holiday with your loved ones and of course your Pointers!

Marjorie Martorella



Set up the system for the Board to be able to do a test vote on Membership Works, curated by Ben Ashcroft who will have access to the website. Vote to be done by December 4, 2022.

2023 National Specialty

The APC Field Trial/Hunt Test to be held in Georgia on April 10-11 has been canceled due to the grounds being unavailable in April.



2023 NATIONAL SPECIALTY TROPHY LIST — AS OF 12/21/22

The club reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value. All trophies must be claimed the day of the show – none will be mailed. A complete list of sponsors will appear in the Specialty Catalog.

ALL FUTURITY, SPECIALTY SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES, AGILITY, RALLY & OBEDIENCE AWARDS ARE OFFERED

BY APC

They will be listed in the Peach Blossom Premium list.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW:

1. Select your trophy choice
2. Email your choice to Danny Seymour @ tapestryhall@aol.com
3. Danny will confirm via email, your choice and payment options

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- Best of Breed..... Framed Hand Quilled Pointer Artwork- **SPONSORED**
 - Best of Opposite Sex..... Framed Hand Quilled Pointer Artwork - **SPONSORED**
 - Best of Winners..... Framed Hand Quilled Pointer Artwork-\$65 -**SPONSORED**
 - Select Dog- Framed Hand Quilled Pointer Artwork- \$65 - **SPONSORED**
 - Select Bitch- Framed Hand Quilled Pointer Artwork- \$65 - **SPONSORED**
 - Award of Merit- (10 available) Luggage Tag with Painted Pointer- \$20 each – **1 SPONSORED**
 - Winner's Dog- Framed Hand Quilled Pointer Artwork-\$65 - **SPONSORED**
 - Winner's Bitch- Framed Hand Quilled Pointer Artwork-\$65 - **SPONSORED**
 - Reserve Winner's Dog- Framed Hand Quilled Pointer Artwork-\$65
 - Reserve Winner's Bitch- Framed Hand Quilled Pointer Artwork- \$65
 - NOHS BOB- Framed Hand Quilled Pointer Artwork- \$65 - **SPONSORED**
 - Best Puppy- Hand Painted Pointer Slate- \$55 - **SPONSORED**
 - Best Veteran- Hand Painted Pointer Slate- \$55 -**SPONSORED**
 - Best Veteran Dog- Hand Painted Pointer Slate- \$35 - **SPONSORED**

Best Veteran Bitch- Hand Painted Pointer Slate- \$35 - **SPONSORED**

Best Generation- Hand Painted Pointer Slate- \$35 - **SPONSORED**

Best Brace- Hand Painted Pointer Slate- \$35

Best in Field- Hand Painted Pointer Slate-\$35 - **SPONSORED**

Best Stud Dog- Hand Painted Pointer Slate- \$35 - **SPONSORED**

Brood Bitch- Hand Painted Pointer Slate-\$35 - **SPONSORED**

Best Bred by Exhibitor- Framed Hand Quilled Pointer Artwork & One free AKC Litter Registration- \$55 - **SPONSORED**

Best Junior Handler- Framed Hand Quilled Pointer Artwork-**SPONSORED**

Reserve Best Junior Handler- Framed Hand Quilled Pointer Artwork- **SPONSORED**

4-6 mos. Puppy, Best of Breed – Luggage Tag w/painted Pointer - \$20 - **SPONSORED**

4-6 mos. Puppy, Best of Opposite Sex – Luggage Tag w/painted Pointer - \$20

Regular & Non-Regular classes are listed below 1st Luggage Tag with painted Pointer, 2nd- 4th Dog Toy ~ Price: \$35.00

Puppy Dog (6-9)

Puppy Bitch (6-9)

Puppy Dog (9-12)

Puppy Bitch (9-12)

Dog (12-15 mos.)

Bitch 12-15 mos.)

Dog (15-18 mos.)

Bitch (15-18 mos.)

Amateur Owner Handler Dog-

Amateur owner Handler Bitch

BBE Puppy Dog

BBE Dog - **SPONSORED**

BBE Puppy Bitch

BBE Bitch - **SPONSORED**

American Bred Dog

American Bred Bitch

Open Dog

Open Bitch

Veteran Dog (7Yrs. & under 9 Yrs.)

Veteran Dog (9 Yrs. & Under 11 Yrs.) - **SPONSORED**

Veteran Dog (11 Yrs. & Older)

Veteran Bitch (7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.)

Veteran Bitch (9 Yrs. & Under 11 Yrs.)

Veteran Bitch (11 Yrs. & Older)

Field Trial Dog - **SPONSORED**

Field Trial Bitch - **SPONSORED**

Hunting Dog

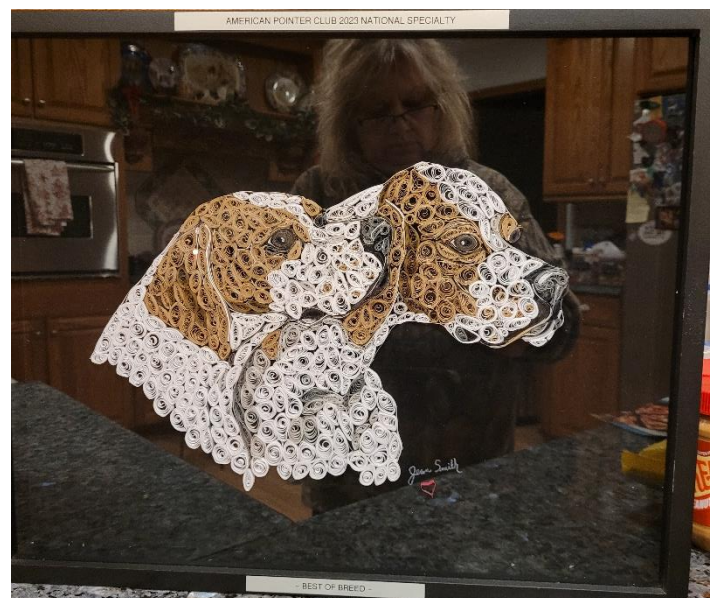
Hunting Bitch

Stud Dog

Brood Bitch

Brace

Generation



In order for sponsors to be included within the National Specialty Catalog, payment must be received by March 8 ,2023. All paid sponsors received after that date will be listed on an insert within the catalog.



Thank You for your support!

2025 National Specialty

Now is the time to find a location for the 2025 National.

If you want to have one catalog and not have to pay for two catalogs and would like a hotel as a central place to stay and meet fellow pointer owners, get together with your friends find a location for an independent specialty. The deadline for submitting the application is February 15th. This gives the Board a chance to look over the applications

and ask questions before the Annual Membership Meeting where the location will be announced. The application can be found on the website. Click on About APC - Applications & Forms. Send completed application to the APC Vice President - Susan Bleckley vicepresident@americanpointerclub.org

Complete National Specialty Guidelines can be found on the website. Click on About APC - Club Business and Guidelines - Policy & Procedure - National Specialty Event Guidelines The application can be found on About APC> Applications & Forms

Attention APC JUNIORS

Deadline for applying for the Karen Blasche Junior Memorial Scholarship Is February 15, 2023 Application can be found on the APC Website> About APC> Applications & Forms

Any questions contact - Jennifer Pahl jaapup@aol.com



New Addition at the AKC Museum of the Dog

New painting alert!



White Light by Maud Earl

Over 5 feet tall, this Maud Earl painting depicts White Light one of William Arkwright's Pointers. White Light was born in 1906 and likely painted here in 1910. Arkwright said, "She was the most perfectly shaped Pointer I have ever seen."

On view now on the first floor at the AKC Museum of the Dog

**THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB 2022 BREEDER OF THE YEAR GROUP HONOREES
ANNOUNCED**

Sporting Group: Dennis and Katey Brown, Solivia Pointers Congratulation Dennis & Katey!

**AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW PRESENTED BY ROYAL CANIN TO AIR ON ABC
JANUARY 1st**

Thousands of dogs put their best paw forward for the title of National Champion

New York, NY- St. Charles, MO (December 1, 2022) –The AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin® will air as a three-hour special on the ABC television network on **Sunday, January 1, 2023, at 2 p.m. ET**. The show features thousands of dogs from around the country and the world competing for the coveted title of America’s National Champion.

Hosting the broadcast are AKC Executive Secretary and spokesperson Gina DiNardo and noted sportscaster Carolyn Manno. This year’s AKC National Championship is the largest dog show in the Americas, with **5,376 dogs entered in Conformation from 50 states and Washington, DC, and 22 countries**. That, combined with competitions in Agility, Obedience, the National Owner-Handled Series Finals, junior competitions, AKC Fast CAT, and a special attraction of Diving Dogs, brings the total entries to **9,395**. Dogs will compete for multiple titles across various events and more than \$150,000 in prize money, the largest in the world of dog shows.

[Please read the following and contact your member of Congress!](#)



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/us-congress-ar-groups-making-year-end-push-arbitrary-one-size-fits-breeder-regulation-contact-members-us-congress-senate-today/>

Dear Club Legislative Liaisons, Officers and Delegates and concerned dog owners, 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 on how to [take action](#).

Anti-breeder and animal rights groups are making a year-end push on Capitol Hill to advance arbitrary and harmful federal breeder regulations (H.R. 2840 /S. 1385) called the “Puppy Protection Act”.

This bill would mandate arbitrary new requirements for certain hobby and professional dog breeders, and continues to gain support Congress. We urge all responsible dog owners, breeders and enthusiasts to contact their members of Congress and the U.S. to ask them to oppose the bills.

The “Puppy Protection Act” was introduced in 2021 and has carried over to this year. As such it continues to gain support from lawmakers who do not understand the problematic consequence of the measure. While certain aspects of this feel-good measure 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.

More than 200 lawmakers have signed on as co-sponsors, increasing the likelihood that the measures could advance rapidly as part of a must pass omnibus measure at the end of the year, unless lawmakers hear your opposition.

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 the one-size fits all mandates that can harm responsible hobby breeders and specialized breeding practices. Ask them instead to support additional resources for the USDA so they can protect animals better by enforcing existing animal welfare requirements.

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](#)).

Scroll down to learn more about these bills and 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. For hobby breeders who keep dogs as pets in their residences, the dog’s primary enclosure could be considered their crate.
- 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 types of kennels and with certain breeds.
- 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](#).

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 consequences of arbitrary legislation that may “sound good” to a non-expert. They also hear a lot from animal rights/ animal 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 today. 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](#).

Talking points:

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. Breeders: Relying on your experience, explain in practical terms how the new mandates would adversely impact your breeding program.
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.

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.