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President's Message

Well, we are almost into March. I think this has been the warmest winter on record for us in the Midwest. Definitely, more rain than snow and anyone with dogs would rather have it frozen or bone dry. LOL The dues deadline was February 15th. If you didn't get them paid, you can still pay them and be reinstated. If you have pledged to sponsor a trophy for the National, please get your payments in by March 8th so we can get your sponsorship listed in the catalog. We are working on getting invoices generated from the website to allow you to pay online. Please check your email for that in the next week or so. Please keep checking our website for updates on the National. We did not receive any bids for the 2025 National so the board will be looking for a location. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or another board member. Remember to always enjoy the journey with your dogs because there are no guarantees in life.
Boiler Up & Hammer Down
Diane Townsend

Motion to approve Marva Petrequin to fill Diane Townsend's position on the APC Board of Directors 20230110-02 PM
Motion to approve Susan Bleckley as Vice President to be on the APC Bank Account
Motion to approve the raising of the fee charged to attending Judge's Education seminar from $35.00 To $40.00 20200110-04 PM

SPECIALTY DEADLINES

Deadline for sending in ad for the catalog – March 1, 2023
Deadline for paying for trophies – March 8, 2023
March 25, 2023 – Dinner Reservations
March 29, 2023 – Entries close
Field Trial & Hunt Test Entries Close – April 18, 2023

National Specialty Trophies

There is still time to sponsor a trophy and there are several available.
All paid pledges received by March 8 will be included in the catalog, after which, paid Pledges will be included in as a catalog insert.
Contact – Danny Seymour - tapestryhall@ AOL.com SOON!

Congratulations to Lila Holberg

Top APC Junior 2022

Top Sporting Group Junior 2022

Top All Breed Junior 2022

Finalist – Westminster – 2022

Reserve Best Junior - 2022

APC Field Trial & Hunt Test

April 22 – 23, 2023

Please donate to the Auction to be held Saturday Night at Judge's Dinner.

Raffle to be held Sunday during lunch. Contact Debby Freidus for information. blackthornpt@earthlink.net

Trophy Donations may be made on the APC Website or sent to Debby Freidus, 388 Burlington Road, Harwinton, CT 06791.

Trophies: Field Trial--all stakes 1st place $50 Field Trial--2nd-4th place $44 per placement Rosette Clusters: $40 each for Hunt Test & Field Trial

2023 National Specialty Information

2023 Futurity

Final enrollment forms for the 2023 show futurity are being mailed out to all puppies who are paid up through the first two nominations. Please remember that even if you do not intend to show in this year's futurity, this final enrollment must be paid to remain eligible for the 2024 maturity stakes.
A few of you paid your final enrollments with previous enrollments, so you will not be receiving a final enrollment form in this mailout.

Pay Online on the APC Website> National Specialty for the following:

Preorder Catalogs – Picked up at the show or marked and mailed.

Order Dinner – Deadline March 25th

Catalog Advertising – Deadline March 1st

AMERICAN POINTER CLUB NATIONAL SPECIALTY POINTER CLUB ANNUAL DINNER
April 15, 2023
On the Grounds of the Georgia Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Perry, Georgia - Site of the National Specialty
Dinner is Buffet Style of Southern Cooking

Beef Tenderloin (Carving Station)
Herb Roasted Chicken
Mushroom Stroganoff (Vegetarian)
Wild Rice
Honey Glazed Carrots
Garden Salad – Dinner Roll
Chef Choice Desserts and Peach Cobbler with Ice Cream
Ice Tea – Sweetened and Unsweetened
Water

Price of Dinner - $42.00 if paying by check (preferred) $44.00 if paying by Stripe (extra $2.00 is processing Fee)

Send check to Karen Spey, PO Box 149, Oldwick, NJ 08858

Deadline for reservations is March 25, 2023

Just a reminder - there's still time to put together a basket for the basket raffle at the national specialty!

Please send Lydia Frey an email if you plan to bring something!!

Hayley Thompson is our new APC Gazette Columnist – Look for new columns in the Gazette soon.

December 1938 Gazette Inaugural Year in Review

Pointers Dec 7 1938

THE officers and members of the American Pointer Club give you all the Season's Greetings. The year 1938 has been good to us and having started from scratch last February at the Westminster show, we are now an up and coming club with a program we expect to carry through as regards the future and destiny of our chosen breed.

A new standard must be prepared and submitted to the membership and leading pointer experts for comment and approval. The question of a specialty show is unsettled as yet. Due to the geographical location and the recent entry of 57 dogs with 75 entries at the Western Pennsylvania Kennel Association show, October 21 and 22, 1938, Pittsburgh seems to be the red-hot spot to hold our first specialty event.

Incidentally, the entry at Pittsburgh, for the most part, was unsolicited and was a very high compliment to the judge, Ralph C. English. The entry ranks next to the 1938 Morris and Essex show of 59 dogs and 67 entries. If we could have a combination of the eastern and mid-western entries at one show we could easily put 100 pointers in the ring.

The winners dog was George F. Miller's Loyolla Mack, and reserve, Imperator's Gilroy. The winners bitch, best of winners, best of breed and second in the group, the Rolew Kennels' Jordon Farm Ann, and reserve winners bitch, John G. Shearer's Imperator's Queen-O. The policy of the officers of the Pittsburgh club in entering their dogs for exhibition only has met with an overwhelming approval.

Last moment charter members are C. Wendell Templeton of Sullivan, Indiana; J. Patrick Malley and Mrs. J. P. Malley of Detroit, Michigan; D. Ben Martinez, M.D., of Biloxi, Mississippi; and James O'Garman of Evansville, Indiana. The first regular membership is Joseph G. Fretz of Runnemede, New Jersey. Welcome all!—GEORGE D. BLAIR, M.D., 702 N. Homewood Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Inaugural Year in Review

AKC Gazette April 1, 1939

Pointers April 1, 1939

FOR those unable to get to Westminster, this year, there was a nice turnout of pointers for A. L. Jones, the English setter man. He was rather consistent in his placings, more so than some of the pointer men doing setters. All this leads up to the extreme necessity of fanciers and breeders demanding pointer men or an all-around judge at a show. A bench show committee only is responsible for the picking of judges.

In this respect, we are very fortunate in having George S. Thomas do pointers at our first specialty show at Morris and Essex. He has been very close to pointers all his life, and his placings will be accepted as a definite stepping stone on the forward march of our grand breed. Start rounding up your entries now. If you have any loyalty to pointers, you will see that this will be the largest entry of pointers ever to be assembled in the United States.

Pointers are first in many things. Highest in percentage of registered dogs shown during 1938. First in the greatest number of placings in the field! First in percentage of gun dogs (Group 1) actually shot over, yet supposedly only bench dogs. First in that bench-pointers are closest to their field cousins except in the case of beagles. And first in our hearts.

New Pointer Club members are S. B. Sullivan; N. P. Overman; L. Homer Blackburn; W. A. Hartman of Hawaii; S. Wyman Tyler; Howland W. Smith; C. E. Cady; Wm. V. Swearingen and Mrs. Percy M. Hoopes. Welcome all!—DR. GEO. D. BLAIR, 702 N. Homewood Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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1877 First Westminster Show, New York Hippodrome, May, 24th – Published in Harper's Weekly

Westminster Kennel Club

Change of judge for Pointers

The new pointer judge is Dr. Michael Woods

Applying for either an APC Supported Entry or Regional Club Specialty

When applying for either an APC Supported Entry or Regional Club Specialty/Field Trial the applications can be found on the Website > About APC> Applications and Forms. Please send the completed form to the Correspondingsecretary@amerianpointerclub.com adhering to the deadline noted on the form. The Corresponding Secretary will notify the club or group immediately after Board approval.

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Date: February 23, 2023

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AKC.TV JOINS FORCES WITH WURL TO BRING FAST CHANNEL TO NEW STREAMERS

Relationship will bring AKC's dog entertainment content to new audiences.

New York, NY- AKC.tv, the dog-centric digital entertainment platform powered by The American Kennel Club (AKC), has joined forces with Wurl, the leader in data-driven solutions for CTV distribution and marketing to distribute its FAST channel to new streaming services.

Beginning this month, AKC.tv will be available on Plex TV, the free global streaming media platform for over 50,000 free titles, movies, TV shows and more. AKC.tv gives dog lovers everywhere on-demand access to dog-related programming 24/7.

The channel will feature a wide variety of programing including AKC's action-packed live dog events (conformation, agility, flyball, rally, etc.) as well as their lifestyle programming with shows like "AKC Dogcenter," "Ask the Expert," "Meet the Breeds," and more.

"We are excited to work with Wurl to expand AKC.tv to new dog-loving audiences," said Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary, AKC. "Our dog-focused entertainment programming has resonated with audiences since the launch of the channel, and we are thrilled to expand our reach."

Through Wurl's Global FAST Pass solution, AKC.tv will be marketed to streamers on a worldwide scale. Wurl Global FAST Pass is a suite of services that enable content companies to create a global CTV distribution network reaching

more than 300 million viewers in over 50 countries across more than 130 streamers.

About Wurl

Wurl leads the CTV industry in helping content companies, streamers, and advertisers reach millions of consumers worldwide. Our market-leading platform enables them to maximize revenues, expand into global markets, and grow their audiences. Wurl is owned by AppLovin, and is headquartered in Palo Alto, California. For more information, visit www.wurl.com, and follow us on Linkedin, Twitter, and Facebook.

About Plex

Plex is the most comprehensive entertainment platform available today. A one-stop destination to stream movies, TV shows, and music, Plex solves the streaming media struggle by making it quick and easy to find and play any movie or TV show being streamed online. Plex is the first and only streaming platform to offer free ad-supported movies, shows, and Live TV, paired with the ability to easily search for any title ever made and create a customized watchlist for all the movies and shows you're interested in watching, regardless of where they are being streamed. Plex has partnered with some of the biggest names in entertainment, including Warner Brothers Discovery, NBC Universal, Paramount, AMC, A+E, BBC, Lionsgate, Hallmark Media, E.W. Scripps, A24, Relativity, Hearst, and Crackle. Acting as one window into all streaming services and a user's personal media library, Plex serves up the most relevant content for all of its users.

The company is independently owned, backed by Intercap and Kleiner Perkins. For more, visit https://www.plex.tv, follow @plex on Twitter, or find us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok.

Veterinary Tidbits

Known as the "Silent Killer" – Hemangiosarcoma

Hemangiosarcoma is a common and deadly cancer of dogs. The cancer tends to grow and spread rapidly, rarely giving the owner any clue, their dog is harboring a deadly disease – until it suddenly strikes. It can develop in any tissue or organ, but most commonly affects the spleen, right atrium of the heart, and the skin.

Knowing more about how this cancer develops and learning to recognize the subtle signs of the disease are important for owners, not only to spot a potential problem, but also to know the facts if hemangiosarcoma affects their dog.

Hemangiosarcomas often are found in sites with a rich blood supply.

There is growing evidence that hemangiosarcoma cancer cells originate in the bone marrow but rapidly spread to other locations in the body. Hemangiosarcoma often is detected first in the heart and spleen, the two most common sites where this type of tumor is found. This predilection for the heart and spleen is the reason these tumors are so deadly. Hemangiosarcomas can suddenly rupture, causing massive blood loss, and forcing owners and veterinarians to make difficult decisions within minutes of diagnosis.

Hemangiosarcoma is a disease of larger-breed, older dogs

Hemangiosarcoma most commonly affects:

- Middle-aged to older dogs
- German shepherds, golden retrievers, Portuguese water dogs and Labrador retrievers
- Slightly more males than females (in some studies)

Unfortunately, no clinical signs (symptoms) are classic for hemangiosarcoma other than sudden, profound, internal bleeding. Other clinical signs reported by owners include:

- Intermittent lethargy or fatigue
- Anorexia
- Panting
- Sudden collapse

- Sudden death

Most pet owners are quick to act in cases of sudden collapse and time is of the essence in cases of hemangiosarcoma. These are true medical emergencies and many patients require immediate surgery to remove the bleeding mass (if possible), followed by supportive care to survive.

Long-term survival statistics are bleak

Even when a tumor is quickly detected and removed, the outlook for dogs with hemangiosarcoma is grim. Statistics show that:

- Average survival time with surgery alone is one to three months
- Average survival time with surgery and chemotherapy is five to seven months
- 90% of dogs are deceased one year post-diagnosis despite surgery and chemotherapy with almost 100% mortality two years post-diagnosis

Can Dogs Eat Peanut Butter?

Most peanut butter is safe for dogs to eat, and in moderation peanut butter can be an excellent source of protein and healthy fats, vitamins B and E, and niacin. The healthiest option is unsalted peanut butter, dog-specific peanut butter, or homemade peanut butter, as high sodium levels can be problematic for dogs, and as an added bonus, homemade peanut butters do not contain extra sugar and other additives.

How Much Peanut Butter Can Dogs Eat?

Peanut butter is rich in natural fats and protein, but too much of a good thing can lead to obesity and other health complications like pancreatitis. There are two things you can do to figure out how much peanut butter to feed your dog on a regular basis. The first and most reliable option is to call your veterinarian and ask his or her advice. This is especially important for owners of dogs with conditions such as diabetes or with food sensitivity issues.

The second option is the 10 percent rule. In general, treats should not make up more than 10 percent of your dog's diet. Simply measure how much food your dog gets daily, and remember that it might be a good idea to alternate between peanut butter and healthier treats, such as dog friendly fruits or vegetables.

Health Alert: Xylitol

Most peanut butter is safe, but some can be deadly. Recently, some peanut butter manufacturers switched to using the sweetener xylitol. Xylitol is a sugar substitute often found in sugar-free products like chewing gum, toothpaste, breath mints, chewable vitamins and baked goods. It is safe for people, but toxic to dogs.

Xylitol consumption causes a rapid release of insulin in dogs, which results in an equally rapid and profound decrease in blood sugar levels. and can be life threatening if left untreated. This condition, scientifically known as hypoglycemia, can occur as quickly as 10-to-60 minutes after eating xylitol.

Xylitol poisoning is easy to avoid. All owners need to do is check the label of the peanut butter and any other product they plan on feeding to their dogs for xylitol, and keep xylitol products out of their dogs' reach. If you think your dog has eaten xylitol, contact your veterinarian immediately, and keep an eye out for symptoms of xylitol poisoning, such as weakness, collapse, staggering, lack of coordination, and seizures.

Don't keep your pup in suspense any longer. Yes, dogs can eat peanut butter as long as it is fed in moderation and does not contain xylitol, so get out that pet-safe peanut butter jar and share the good news.

CDC Extends Suspension of Dog Imports from Countries with High Rabies Prevalence

The National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) welcomes actions taken by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to protect the public's health against the reintroduction of the dog-maintained rabies virus variant (DMRVV) into the United States.

Last week, the CDC announced they would extend a temporary suspension of dogs imported from high-risk rabies-enzootic countries through July 31, 2023. In addition, beginning in March, all foreign-vaccinated dogs entering the country must have a microchip record accompanying their rabies vaccination paperwork. An alarming increase in the number of rabies-positive dogs entering the U.S. first prompted the CDC to take action in June of 2021, banning canine imports from nearly 100 countries.

NAIA strongly supports CDC’s efforts to protect animal and public health from rabies, as well as supporting a proactive, commonsense legislative framework to ensure that dogs entering the country are healthy, including the 90% of imported dogs that fall outside the scope of CDC’s notice. For years, public health agencies have documented cases where imported dogs have brought in new strains of canine influenza, leptospirosis, screwworm, and other diseases and pests that threaten animal and human health.

The bipartisan Healthy Dog Importation Act would establish commonsense health and vaccination requirements for all dogs imported into the U.S. and help eliminate the need for blanket suspension. NAIA looks forward to the reintroduction of this legislation in the 118th Congress.