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Pointers

HOLIDAY greetings to all pointer breeders, fans, and the pointers themselves. If we stop to recapitulate, we will find that our breed has done exceedingly well, in direct ratio between the total registrations and the number of group and best in show wins, as compared to breeds with larger registrations in group one. Let us stop and think just how we can help keep this remarkable increase in popularity and activity.

Urge your local show-giving clubs to give suitable prizes and money in the classes for novices, puppies, and limit classes to encourage the new exhibitor. Support all the shows yourself, within a reasonable distance of your home, regardless of the judge officiating. Make a special effort to help novices the first few times they exhibit.

There are hundreds of excellent pointers around every community that have never been near a show. Get them in by book or crook. Maybe, they will win a blue ribbon, and the seed is then sown!

This Club will be glad to give permission to local pointer clubs to hold specialty shows and matches that are approved by The American Kennel Club. When all the show reports are in and approved, I will try to give you some interesting figures.

Items that might be of interest to the fancy as a whole will be gratefully received by the undersigned and included in this column, if suitable.

In the meantime, we must return to our bird hunting. Wishing you plenty of luck and good cheer from all the officers and members of the American Pointer Club. Happy Days.—GEORGE D. BLAIR, M.D., *Secretary*, 702 N. Homewood Ave., Pittsburgh, (8) Pa.