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President's Message

Well, summer is gone and fall has arrived. I think we all enjoy the fall colors and the change of weather, but I'm not sure we like that winter comes next. Hopefully, you have completed any projects that you might have planned to do. If you are going to shows, good luck and remember to have fun showing your Pointer in whatever venue you choose. Remember, the 2024 National will be in Doswell, VA, home of Secretariat, so keep your eyes open for more information in the future including the logo.

We are also working on the 2025 national dates and location and hope to have more information on that in the next newsletter. There are many longtime members in our club that have a lot of knowledge about the club, dog shows, breeding, etc. Don't hesitate to ask them questions because we can learn so much from them.

If you have any concerns or questions, don't hesitate to contact myself or any of the board members. Remember to always enjoy the journey with your dogs because there are no guarantees in life.

Boiler Up & Hammer Down

Diane Townsend

Motion of accept the AKC invitation to do a Pointer Breed Video in Orlando, FL in December 2023. 20230912-44 PM Bleckley/Seymour

Motion to approve APC Supported Entry – 6/8/24 in conjunction with the Acadiana Kennel Club, Lake Charles, LA 20230912-15 EV Savage/Osman

Motion to move forward with more information for Lima Kennel Club, Lima Ohio for a possible site for the 2025 National Specialty 20230912-45 PM Savage/Petrequin

Motion to approve revised Vice President Job Description 20230912-46 PM Savage/Bleckley

Motion to approve revised Event Coordinator Job Description 20230912-47 PM Savage/Bleckle

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2024/2025 Board Members: John Albee, Burke Morrow, Marva Petrequin, Yvette Thomas

Meet your 2024/2025 APC Board Members

John Albee

I have been in Pointers for approximately 30 years. Pointers have always been my breed of choice. Although I have shown other breeds and hunted over other breeds I am always drawn right back to the "Pointer"

I have been a member of the APC almost as long. I am currently a lifetime member. I have also been a member of the Greater Delaware Valley Pointer Club and the Pointer Club of Central New Jersey before that. I have held various positions within the club, (Board, Recording Secretary for several years and now Vice President).

I have co-chaired a National Specialty and have been on several Hunt Test and Field Trial committees.

This is an amazing breed! My only hope and desires are for it to continue to be no matter what your interest. Whether it's in the Field, Show Ring, Agility or wherever your interest lies.

Burke Morrow

I am a retired science teacher from Nebraska with a long history and passion for dog.sports. I began with field trial retrievers in the late 1980s earning FCs and AFCs with three dogs including one breeder owner handled to his FC AFC. I had always wanted a dual champion and found it too difficult to achieve with labs. My next dog was a GRDC Briard who earned titles in obedience, rally, herding, and tracking. I now have my first pointer and am so impressed with the pointer's versatility. AKC's many venues: Confirmation, Companion, Performance, and Family dog events create so many ways to enjoy your dog, practice canine good citizenship, and promote the breed. Performance events are a great way to keep our beautiful pointers able to do the work for which they were bred while allowing them to have fun while forming a strong bond with their owner.

Marva Petrequin

I have been involved in various forms of dog activities since 1985including conformation, obedience, rally, agility, and field. I am currently owned by 4 Pointers, 2 Golden Retrievers and even horses.

I am hoping to serve the APC as a member of the Board for 2024-2025. I have previously served as Treasurer (2009-2011, 2013-2016), Vice President (2012) and a member of the Board (2023). My history with the American Pointer Club gives me a good base for understanding the needs of both the Club and you as members. I'm ready to serve you.

Yvette Thomas

I had dogs all my life and acquired my first Pointer about fourteen years ago. We enjoyed many activities together and I fell in love with Pointers! Currently, I share my life with three wonderful pointers. I have bred one litter and I enjoy showing and field events. They are my family and my friends!

I have served on the APC board and National Specialty committee. I am a member of the Greater Deaware Valley Pointer Club and have served as an officer and director several times and assisted with hunt tests, shows, meetings and fun field days for the club.

In my professional life I am an operations director for a membership association in the confectionery industry (pmca.com).

AKC Delegates Report

The September Delegates Committee Meetings and Delegates Meeting was held on September 11 and 12, 2023 at the Double Tree Hilton, Newark International Airport, Newark, New Jersey.
The following is a summary of the September 11 Committee meetings and the AKC Delegates meeting on September 12th.

PARENT CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

- AKC staff member, Marie Beth O'Neil reported on various student veterinarian activities which included attending a meeting at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Science of which 65 vet students were in attendance.

  Marie Beth also announced that Tufts University is providing 1 credit for students who mentor with established dog breeders to help observe and assist with a whelping.
- AKC announced that On Line Event Management (for managing events) requires an ID
- Group alignment was discussed with recommendations to AKC BOD they carefully review group alignments both current as well as proposed future alignments. Careful consideration of new breeds, their standard and the group best suited for their placement should be done before assigning a group. The Parent Club recommends gathering data that supports number of dogs in the group that actually compete before being assigned.
- There was a great amount of discussion regarding AKC Market Dept. using recent 'Designer Dogs" language in marketing messaging, Designer Dog implied to be a breeding of two different breeds.
  Several Parent Clubs took exception to the marketing as to mean AKC supports "Designer Dogs" rather than purebred dogs.
  One final recommendation was the AKC Marketing Dept will need reviewed internally to address such concerns.

Field Trial & Hunt Test Committee

Master Hunt Excellence Test was approved by the AKC BOD.

- The Westminster Kennel Club is hosting a Field Event the first weekend in November 2023 in North Carolina that will focus on hunting / doing what sporting dogs were bred to do.
- Effective August 1, 2023; tracking collars will continue to be monitored BUT receivers will not.

Coordinating Committee Highlights

All Breed Committee:

- Make sure puppies get registered
- A 5-year Strategic Plan, Power Point will be available in December to assist clubs with long term development.

Canine Health Committee:

- OFA now has 34 thousand collections in the DNA bank.

Companion Events Committee:

- Committee does not support "talking" to your dog in Novice A
- Disposable jumps are a safety hazard
- Goggles are now approved to wear in tracking

Delegate Advocacy:

- A survey is being done to determine why many Delegates are being replaced

Dog Show Rules Committee:

- Chapter 15, Section 1 – When a dog is DQ (disqualified) for health reasons at an event, it must be done "before" the dog is dismissed from the grounds.
- Show catalogs will now only contain the following exhibitor information: City / State / email

AKC Staff Report:

- Grants are available from the AKC Humane Fund for parent clubs
- 15 new delegates will be seated on 9/12/23
- Litter registration up 1% but registration of dogs is down by 8%
- Media opportunities have increased this year
- Government relations continues to monitor key state and national legislative issues. It is important when AKC contacts your parent and all breed clubs informing of a legislative concern in your state or nationally to contact your state / federal legislators. Too often they hear from advocacy groups who are not concern with the impact certain legislation may have on the sport of dogs.

AKC Delegates Meeting – September 12, 2023

Chairmans Report – Dr. Thomas Davis

- Even though Covid hurt entries, post Covid registrations have stabled and marketing programs continues to encourage and promote registration.
- Event growth is 20% greater of which there has been a 7% growth in companion event registration and 30% growth in entries. The fastest growing event is Fast Cat at 21%.
- 2022 saw more events than any other year
- 3 new breeds were added in the past year
- A study was developed to determine the impact of 3-day cluster events:
  - "Re-scheduled" 3-day cluster events, declined
  - Reason: 250 miles was maximum exhibitors would travel with no overnight stay. (Cost impact)
  - Exhibitors choose their events carefully
  - More new clubs are being formed based on community interest
  - Trends will determine the future of dog events

Presidents Report (Dennis Sprung)

Mr. Sprung asked for special reports from various departments to share with the Delegates; the following are the summaries:

- Annual remembrance of 9/11/2001, as AKC held their Delegates meeting at the same location as today during the hours of attack on that day, each year AKC has taken time to remember that horrific day.
- On the 22nd anniversary of the attack, AKC asked those delegates to write their stories of how that day and thereafter impacted their lives.
  211 Delegates were in attendance that day / 7 of those Delegates remain to tell their story / 3 of the 7 passed away before their stories were told.
  Those stories called "***Infinite Remembrance"*** are available to view on the AKC website.
- Business Intelligence > AKC uses a data driven work force by doing more with data; creating dashboards which gather data in a condensed form combined in one location. E.g. 1/ "Breed Popularity 2/ On-line registration, etc. 3/ Litter & dog registration.

On-Line Registration > Monitors on line registration, tracks registration as well as increase or decrease of entries by class which is available for conformation, performance and companion events, drilling down to the data gathered from various aspects of any one breed.
Other benefits include tracking Juniors…the ownership of their dogs and the longevity of their involvement.
All built to last upon the gathered data!

- *"Meet the Breeds in the Field"* – a portion of the educational video which was produced in November 2022 was presented. The video is available on the AKC website.

Chief Financial Officer – Ted Phillips

- Second Quarter litter registrations were 155 thousand, which is 20% lower and 167 thousand dogs registered which is down by 8% over the last period.
- Sports events are 6% higher and entries were 1.7 million or an increase of 3%

Total operating expense is 45.4 million of which staff remains the highest expense at 22.2 million

Vote on proposed amendment

Chapter 2, Section 14, of the Rules Applying to Dog shows – this amendment change allows for digital copies of required booklets at events. Previously hard copies were required which include numerous insert changes as such rules were added or amended. The amendment was approved with a vote of 2/3 affirmative vote. (Your Delegate voted in the affirmative)
Three Article changes were read and three Rules Applying to Dog Shows were read. These six items will be included within the October, Secretaies page available on the AKC website.

AKC Staff Presentation – AKC Archives: Highlights & Happenings; Jamie Fritz

The purpose of AKC archives is to collect, reference, manage and assist dog clubs in developing their own archives. Ms. Fritz informed the delegates a new system is being developed for communicating with clubs when material is received either from the clubs or other donations. The new system is to provide a "Quicker" system then currently used and is meant to assist clubs to inform them what they can and should archive. A Digital reference library does exist and can be accessed at *akcdigitallibrary.org*

Detection Dog Report

- 80% of detection dogs used in the US come from Europe and 20% from the US.

- It is important to identify stakeholders to become breeders of detection dogs as it pertains to protecting national security.
- Interested US breeders need resources to assist with breeding detection dogs and work with Federal and local agencies. Detection dogs are used in various ways: disasters due to weather, earthquakes, fires, misc. disasters which require Disaster Dogs assistance. Equally important is their use in drug and human criminal detection
- AKC has instituted the "Patriotic Puppy Program" which shows the US Government AKC is serious about the services offered. From this program, 70 puppies are Detection Dogs and there are currently 80 breeders in over 28 states. (If you are interested in the Patriotic Puppy Program, contact AKC)

Juniors Report

- AKC has appointed a Jr's Coordinator to assist all clubs in developing a Jr's program
- Clubs should include Jr membership within their By-Laws, as well as establish programs for Jr's.
- AKC and the National 4-H program are working together to share educational information and programs related to purebred dogs.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM
Next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2023 in Orlando, FL.
(A full report of minutes and actions from the Delegates meeting will be available on the AKC website www.akc.org
Respectfully submitted,
Danny D. Seymour
AKC Delegate from the American Pointer Club, Inc.

The American Pointer Club needs you!

We all see holes in what is offered, the benefits. So how can we change? There are so many possibilities if only we had volunteers such as you. Your Board is listening to suggestions and would love to implement many of them if there were people like YOU to make it happen. Please contact me if you are willing to participate, if ou have any special project/ideas. I am on FB or send an email to pointgold@netzero.net to let me know you want to support our Club and have ideas that might benefit our members. Clubs like ours must have volunteers to continue and to make a difference to the breed we love.
Thank you. Marva Petrequin, Volunteer Coordinator

Why You Should Consider Volunteering at a Dog Club

Dog events can only happen with the help of dedicated volunteers, and dog clubs are always in need of more volunteers to help with their shows, seminars, and other events. There are also some key benefits to being a volunteer. One of the best ways to learn about a new sport or breed is to get started volunteering with a local all breed club or National Club.

Most clubs are excited for all and any volunteers and will be more than happy to train you on the day of an event to volunteer. Regardless of your skills, there will be something that you can do to support your breed, If going to a show or our National Specialty to volunteer feels too daunting, there are always a wide array of volunteer tasks needed that can be done in advance and even from home, such as design work or contacting attendees. Asking the show chair at a National if there is anything you can do to help is certainly appreciated.

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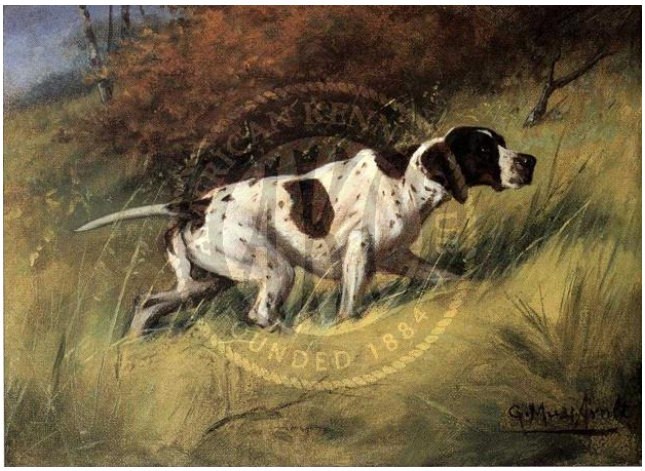

FALL HUNT TEST-NOVEMBER 4, 2023, EAST WINDSOR, CT Our fall hunt test is right around the corner! Do you like to hunt with your pup? If so, why not come out and start the journey toward your JH title or complete the MH you've been chasing. Check out our Facebook page for the premium! FALL FIELD TRAINING/MOCK HUNT TEST-NOVEMBER 4, 2023, EAST WINDSOR, CT We are proud to be offering a field training/mock hunt test the morning before our fall Hunt Test. This is the perfect opportunity for anyone who always wanted to hunt their pup but didn't know how to get started. Industry professionals from V3 Gun Dogs & Canine Academy will be on hand to explain how a hunt test works and will then take you and your pup on a walk through the woods mimicking what it's like to hunt test. Our fall Hunt Test will be run immediately **following so stay for the day, walk the gallery and see what it is all about! This is an opportunity you should not miss..**

APC REGIONAL CLUB RESULTS

Pointer Associates of New England – September 23, 2023
Sweepstakes Judge – Ms Olga Evelyn
BSW – Wilchrimane Franky Doodle Owners: Charlotte Reagoso, Ms Amelia Siddle, Mrs. Amelia Siddle, Helyne Medeiros
BOSSW – Ch Blackthorne Six Pack Scuito Owner: Debra Freidus
Breed Judge – Judy Harrington
BOB/OHG1 – Ch Blackthorne N Tahari Special Agent at Brodway Owners: John & Peggy Albee, Frank DePaulo, Debra Freidus
BOS – GCH CH Bookstor Fabello Picasso Owners: Karen & Howard Spey, Ash Oldfield
Select – Ch Solivia Freiheit Zoom Zoom Owners: Mary Donnelly, Karen Drumm, Katey & Dennis Brown
WD - Wilchrimane Franky Doodle Owners: Charlotte Reagoso, Ms Amelia Siddle, Mrs. Amelia Siddle, Helyne Medeiro

CDC Extends its Suspension of Dog Imports from 110 Countries and Issues Proposed Rule to Amend Quarantine Regulation

Summary Rule and Alert

On July 10th, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published a notice of proposed rulemaking to address the public health risk of dog-maintained rabies virus variant (DMRVV) associated with the importation of dogs into the country. In parallel, CDC also extended the temporary suspension of dog imports from DMRVV high-risk countries through July 31, 2024.Comments must be submitted by September 8, 2023. You may submit electronic comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2023–0051 at: https://www.regulations.gov/document/CDC-2023-0051-0001.

Summary of Proposed Requirements

HHS/CDC proposes the following requirements for all imported dogs arriving by air, land, or sea

- A microchip;
- Six-month minimum age requirement for admission;
- *Exception included for an owner to import a maximum of three personal pet dogs under six months of age in the same calendar year (Jan-Dec) if arriving via a land port through Canada or Mexico if the dog has not been in a DMRVV high-risk or restricted country.*
- Importer submission of a CDC import form (online form that includes the importers' contact information and information related to each dog being imported) via a CDC-approved system prior to travel to the US; and
- *Importer must present receipt of completed form upon arrival at U.S. port; importers arriving by air must present receipt to airline prior to boarding.*
- Airlines to confirm all required import documentation, provide safe housing, and assist public health officials in determining animal cause of death.
- *HHS/CDC proposes varying vaccination and port of entry requirements for imported dogs based on the rabies status of their country of export and location of rabies vaccination. See summary charts below:*

TABLE 1—SUMMARY TABLE OF PROPOSED IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DOGS BASED ON VACCINATION STATUS AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	Requirements for admission			
	Age	ISO-compatible microchip	Documentation	Approved U.S. ports
U.S.-Vaccinated Dog from DMRVV High-Risk Country.	At least six months of age.	Yes	Valid *Certification of U.S.-issued Rabies Vaccination for Live Dog Re-entry into the United States* Form and *CDC Import Submission* Form receipt.	Only U.S. airports with a CDC quarantine station.*
Foreign-Vaccinated Dog from DMRVV High-Risk Country.	At least six months of age.	Yes	Reservation with a CDC-registered Animal Care Facility, *CDC Import Certification of Rabies Vaccination and Microchip Required for Live Dog Importations into the United States* Form, *CDC Import Submission Form* receipt, titer results from a CDC-approved laboratory (dogs without titer results will be required to quarantine).	Only U.S. airports with a CDC quarantine station and a CDC-registered Animal Care Facility.*
Dog from Rabies-Free or DMRVV Low-Risk Country.	At least six months of age **.	Yes	There are no vaccination requirements, however, written documentation that the dog has resided or otherwise been only in a DMRVV low-risk or rabies-free country for the six months prior to the attempted entry and *CDC Import Submission Form* receipt.	All U.S. ports.
U.S.- or Foreign-Vaccinated Dog from DMRVV-Restricted Country.	At least six months of age.	Yes	*CDC Dog Import Permit* for limited groups of dogs (i.e., service animals, government-owned animals).	Only U.S. airports with a CDC quarantine station and a CDC-registered Animal Care Facility.

* Dogs arriving at U.S. land ports that have been in DMRVV high-risk countries within the last six months will be denied admission. All service dogs entering at U.S. seaports must be six months of age, have an ISO-compatible microchip, and have a receipt confirming submission of a *CDC Import Submission Form.* Service dogs that have been in DMRVV high-risk countries within the last six months may enter the United States at U.S. seaports if they have either a valid *Certification of U.S.-issued Rabies Vaccination for Live Dog Re-entry into the United States* Form or both a valid *CDC Import Certification of Rabies Vaccination and Microchip Required for Live Dog Importations into the United States* Form and sufficient and valid titer results from a CDC-approved laboratory.

** Dogs arriving at U.S. land ports are subject to the six-month minimum age requirement. However, an importer may import up to three dogs younger than six months of age in a calendar year if the dogs have not been in a DMRVV high-risk country since birth.

TABLE 2—SUMMARY TABLE OF PROPOSED FORMS REQUIRED FROM IMPORTERS OF DOGS BASED ON VACCINATION STATUS AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Form	Dog from rabies-free or DMRVV low-risk country	U.S.-vaccinated dog from DMRVV high-risk country	Foreign-vaccinated dog from DMRVV high-risk country	U.S.-vaccinated dog from DMRVV-restricted country
CDC Import Submission Form	Required	Required	Required	Required.
Certification of U.S.-issued Rabies Vaccination for Live Dog Re-entry into the United States Form.	Not Required	Required	N/A	Required.
CDC Import Certification of Rabies Vaccination and Microchip Required for Live Dog Importations into the United States Form.	Not Required	N/A	Required	N/A.
Application for Special Exemption for a Permitted Dog Import Form	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Required.

* Importers of foreign-vaccinated dogs from DMRVV high-risk countries will also be required to provide additional information to the CDC-registered Animal Care Facilities to make a reservation for their dog prior to arrival in the United States.

The documentation HHS/CDC is proposing in this NPRM be presented at the U.S. port upon arrival for dog importation into the United States is summarized below in Table 3. Since HHS/CDC is not proposing substantial changes to cat importation requirements, Table 3 does not apply to cats.

TABLE 3—SUMMARY TABLE OF PROPOSED REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO BE PRESENTED AT U.S. PORT UPON ARRIVAL FOR DOGS BASED ON VACCINATION STATUS AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Documentation to be presented at U.S. port upon arrival	Dog from rabies-free or DMRVV low-risk country	U.S.-vaccinated dog from DMRVV high-risk country	Foreign-vaccinated dog from DMRVV high-risk country	U.S.-vaccinated dog from DMRVV-restricted country
CDC Import Submission Form Receipt	Required	Required	Required	Required.
Written documentation that the animal has resided or otherwise been only in a rabies-free or DMRVV low-risk country for the six months prior to the attempted entry.	Required	N/A	N/A	N/A.
Certification of U.S.-issued Rabies Vaccination for Live Dog Re-entry into the United States Form.	Not Required	Required	N/A	Not Required.
Reservation with a CDC-registered Animal Care Facility	Not Required	Not Required	Required	May be required.
CDC Dog Import Permit	N/A	N/A	N/A	Required.

HHS-CDC proposes new requirements for U.S. airlines, including:

- Prior to boarding, must confirm importers have receipt confirming submission of a completed CDC Import Submission Form.
- Must confirm that the dog posses all required import documentation based on the country of origin prior to accepting the dog for transport.
- Ensure dogs from DMRVV high-risk countries will be arriving to a designated U.S. airport with a CDC quarantine station (if U.S. vaccinated) or a U.S. airport with a quarantine station and CDC-registered Animal Care Facility (if foreign vaccinated) and that the importer posses a reservation with the Animal Care Facility.

Key highlights from this article can be found in the 9-15-2023 issue of the Weekly Roundup Newsletter from the NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance) & NAIA Trust