



American Pointer Club, Inc.

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HEALTH STATEMENT for AKC- as approved by the Board of the American Pointer Club, February 18, 2025.

The American Pointer Club (APC) has been the Parent Breed Club and steward of the "aristocrat of gun dogs" since 1938. Our dedication to the health and well-being of this elegant and athletic breed is fueled by our desire to ensure their ability to fulfill their purpose and fill the hearts of Pointer fanciers for centuries to come.

Pointers are large, active dogs with an average lifespan between 12 and 14 years. They are robust companions with few health issues and thrive best in environments with shared activities with their owners. Pointers excel in venues as varied as show rings, field trials, hunt tests, obedience, rally, and agility courses. Like many short-coated breeds, Pointers can be affected by skin issues such as hives, often caused by a simple contact allergy or autoimmune issues. Hip dysplasia and some forms of cancer (bone, liver, and mammary) have been experienced. Epilepsy has affected Pointers over the years, and while we believe the instances have diminished, it is still a concern.

The following health tests are recommended for every Pointer:

- Hips - to rule out dysplasia
- Elbows – to rule out dysplasia
- Eyes - to rule out eye disease
- Thyroid - to rule out autoimmune thyroiditis

Results should be reported to the OFA.

Prospective puppy buyers are encouraged to do their homework, research the breed to ensure they're ready to welcome a bright, energetic dog into their home, and discuss health testing regimens with the breeder they choose.

We invite you to visit our website, americanpointerclub.org, to learn more about Pointers, our club, APC breeders around the country, and our dedication to the activities surrounding our wonderful all-purpose breed.

Please contact Diana Chan, DVM, chan,dianam@gmail.com, if you have any questions.