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Performance Events Department

Date: August 15, 2011

To: All Licensed Pointing Breed Field Trial Clubs

Subject: **2012 AKC POINTING BREED GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

The AKC Performance Events Department is pleased to announce that the 2012 AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship will be held at the Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, TN starting Monday, February 27. (See attached press release.) The traditional format of the Gun Dog Championship has been modified to fit the courses at Ames. The details for the event as they have been determined at this time are as follows:

Field Trial Chairman: Ken Blackman, Tennessee

Field Trial Secretary: Trish James, Alabama
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Dates: Monday, February 27, 2012 through Saturday, March 10. There will be no running on Sundays. (*Weather delays may change dates.*)

Format: One non-retrieving Championship stake consisting of two series. Each series will be one hour in length. Six braces will run per day – three in the morning and three in the afternoon. No ground will be covered twice on the same day. Up to twelve dogs will be called back for a second series. Placements will be awarded based on the dog's combined performance from both series. The trial will run on native quail – no birds will be released during the trial.

Judges: David Taylor, Iowa
Kevin Waide, Colorado
Tom Milam, Texas

Entries: Will be limited to eleven days worth of running (132 dogs). The second series will be run on the twelfth day.

Entry fee: \$160

Qualifications: Open to all AKC registered Pointing Breeds that have met at least one of the following qualifications:

1. Placed 1st in their breed's 2011 AKC National Gun Dog Championship (either Open or Amateur)* or placed 1st in one of the 2011 AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship stakes held in Idaho.

2. Earned an AKC Field Championship or Amateur Field Championship title.
3. During the period of January 1, 2011 to January 3, 2012, placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any AKC Gun Dog stake (Open or Amateur) with at least 13, 18 or 25 starters respectively.

* *This qualification amounts to two dogs per breed. For those breeds that have both a horseback and walking Gun Dog Championships, the horseback championship will be the qualifying event.*

Opening & Closing Dates: For dogs that qualify under #1 or #2 above, the entry period will open on Tuesday, December 27, 2011. For dogs that qualify under #3 above, the entry period will open on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. (*Note: Because of the unusual nature of this event, a prioritized entry process is being utilized. This is being done on an experimental basis and can not be applied to other AKC field trials.*)

The closing date for entries is Saturday, January 14, 2012. The drawing will take place at the Event Secretary's house in Seale, AL on Sunday, January 15, 2012.

Ground Rules at Ames Plantation:

1. All horses must be accompanied by proof of a negative Coggins test that is current within the past 12 months.
2. All horses staying overnight on the grounds must be placed in stalls. There will be no staking out of horses. There is no stall rental fee.
3. Overnight camping is allowed in self contained units in the designated parking area around the trial headquarters.
4. No training on the grounds.

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Additional Information: More details will be posted on the AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship website as they become available –

www.akc.org/events/field_trials/pointing_breeds/gun_dog_championships/