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To: **POINTING BREED HUNTING TEST CLUBS**

Pointing Breed Hunting Tests Continue to Grow - Despite the economic difficulties facing us in 2008, the Hunting Test program continued to grow, with the number of events up 4%. This says a lot about the pleasure of watching a dog do what it was bred to do and the friendly, inviting environment found by new participants. Congratulations to the Clubs that work so hard to host these events.

Clubs in “Remote” Areas Can Hold Up To Six Tests - Performance Events has received requests from clubs located in “remote” areas asking if they can hold an additional weekend of hunting tests. (Currently a club is limited to 4 tests per calendar year.) With the increase in fuel costs, these requests are understandable. In February the AKC Board approved a Department recommendation that will allow a club to hold up to six events per year if they are located more than 100 miles from the nearest club holding hunting tests. Please call Connie Thomas (919-816-3907 in N.C.) for more details if your club is interested. This exception would be granted one year at a time in order to not stifle the development of new clubs. A note requesting an exception should accompany the application for the events that a club considers its 5th and 6th tests.

Introduction to Pointing Breed Hunting Test Brochure - The AKC has produced a new brochure explaining the basics of the Pointing Breed Hunting Test program. The brochure is meant to allow new participants to become familiar and more comfortable with the event before giving it a try. It is ideal as a handout at sportsman shows, information for new club members or part of a package provided to puppy buyers.

The brochure can be viewed and downloaded on-line at www.akc.org/events/hunting_tests/pointing_breeds/. They are available for shipping in wrapped bundles containing 25 brochures. There is a shipping charge of \$5.00 per bundle. They can be ordered by calling the Performance Events Department at (919) 816-3900 or e-mailing huntingtests@akc.org.

Don’t “Run Out” of Hunt Test Judges - The Hunting Test Advisory Committee that met in early 2007 recommended changes to the judging eligibility requirements including the requirements for existing judges to maintain their eligibility. Starting 1/1/10, all Hunt Test judges must have attended a seminar or passed a written test within the past five years of the date of their judging assignment. Don’t allow your area to “run out” of judges!! To schedule a seminar or obtain a written test, please call (919) 816-3904 or e-mail huntingtests@akc.org.