

ATT: HUNT TEST SECRETARIES

On January 18, 2010, I received word from AKC that I feel is important for Hunt Test Secretaries to adhere to. In the past, if you applied for Hunt Tests online and you were late, AKC did not necessarily assess a fine depending on the circumstances. Like field trials, applications for hunt tests are due 90 days prior to the event. The online program has now been set up to catch late applications and automatically generates a late fine even if the application is only a few days late. You will be fined \$50 per event. If you hold "back to back" hunt tests as many clubs do, your fine will be \$50 per event or \$100 for the two days. No longer can staff control when fines for hunt tests are handed out. The computer will make that decision. Get your applications in 90 days in advance.

You can submit an application without the judges names and send those in later. Even if you are not sure of the location, (or even the exact date) put something down as you can change it when your plans are finalized, but you must submit the application 90 days in advance to avoid the fine. This computer generated fine applies only to Hunt Tests at the present time. Computers are not sympathetic machines.

On another note, AKC Field Trial approvals are no longer being computer generated and sent by snail mail, but are now being sent by email. As one person generates the emails, it may be a day or two before the approval emails are sent after the trial has actually been approved.

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