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Performance Events Department

Changes to Pointing Breed Hunting Test Regulations (August 2010)

The AKC Board recently approved two changes to the Pointing Breed Hunting Test Regulations. The first change is that gallery wagons are now allowed. A gallery wagon is used to carry spectators out on course to better view the action. Where gallery wagons are allowed by the land owner, they can serve to make an event more interesting for spectators. The new Regulation, which is effective immediately, will read:

A gallery wagon to allow spectators a better view of the action is allowed if it permitted by the land owner/managing agency. A gallery wagon may be a motorized vehicle used to haul spectators or a wagon pulled by a vehicle. The gallery wagon must be approved by the event committee. It must be handled in a manner that will not interfere with the working dogs, judges or gunners. A gallery wagon is not allowed in a bird field.

The second change is that Spinones must pass an AKC water test in order to earn a Senior Hunter or Master Hunter title. This is the same requirement as currently applies to German Wirehaired Pointers. This change becomes effective January 1, 2011.

In addition it should be noted that the Garmin DC 40 Tracking Collar – Astro 220 Receiver has been approved for use in AKC pointing breed field trials and hunting tests. Complete rules pertaining to the use of tracking devices may be found at www.akc.org/trackingdevices/.