



**American Pointer
Club, Inc.**

founded 1938

HEALTH STATEMENT for AKC – as approved by the Board of the American Pointer Club, March 2016

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 that include 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 other short-coated breeds, Pointers can be affected by skin issues such as hives, often caused by a simple contact allergy or by 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,
- Thyroid - to rule out autoimmune thyroiditis,
- Eyes - to rule out eye diseases.

Results should be reported to the OFA.

Prospective puppy buyers are encouraged to do your homework, research the breed to be certain you're ready to welcome a bright, energetic dog into your home, and discuss health testing regimens with the breeder you 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 Susan Savage, President, if there are any questions. (susietemple@yahoo.com)

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