

THE POINTER CLUB



BREED HEALTH SURVEY

Hon. Field Trial Secretary: Mrs M Asbury

Hon. Secretary: Mrs Aidine Howes

Veterinary Officer: Jennifer Owen BVet Med MRCVS

Dear Pointer Owner,

Date as postmark

Enclosed is a health survey questionnaire produced by The Pointer Club with the collaboration of The Pointer Club of Scotland and The Pointer Club of Northern Ireland.

To date little information has been gleaned regarding our breed, the Pointer, other than the Animal Health Trust/ Kennel Club survey a few years ago. The breed clubs are responsible for protecting the welfare of our chosen breed, therefore we would like to improve the understanding of any health issues which may or may not affect The Pointer.

Our objectives are:

- To monitor our breed and provide a focal point for any concerns
- To gather views from all pointer lovers to benefit our breed in the future

The questionnaire will be completely confidential and information collected will be processed by fully qualified veterinary professionals who wish to help the Breed Club improve available knowledge regarding the health of the Pointer.

Mrs Jennifer Owen B.Vet.Med MRCVS will be responsible for the data; a qualified veterinary surgeon who has been in practice since 1993. She has her own Pointers and has been involved with showing and bred a litter of puppies. As a veterinary surgeon she would have to keep all personal information given in the survey confidential.

Information will be stored on a confidential database, analysed and **only** released as statistical data back to the participating Pointer Clubs.

The information gathered may also be for use in assessment of any future health screening programmes for our breed carried out by:

British Veterinary Association,

British Small Animal Veterinary Association,

Animal Health Trust

Kennel Club.

We would like to assure you that in the event of the Pointer Club's professional body ceasing to exist; then all relevant information will be offered to the Animal Health Trust.

This questionnaire should take no longer than 10 minutes of your time. We hope that you will participate and thank you for having the health and welfare of the breed at heart.

We enclose a small gift of a pen if you have received this letter by post

With grateful thanks,

The Pointer Club Committee

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