

Performance Events Department

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To: POINTING BREED FIELD TRIAL CLUBS

Clarifying that Out-Riding by the Scout is Not Allowed – Out-riding occurs when a scout is sent to locate a dog and then, even when the dog has returned to the course, the scout does not return to the gallery. It is widely understood that out-riding should not occur. However it is not directly mentioned in the Rules and inexperienced judges are often not clear how to handle the situation. The Performance Events Department has received requests for clarification. The following addition to Standard Procedure Section 6-L Scouting was approved by the Board on July 13 and will be effective immediately –

"When a dog has returned to the course and is under the handler's control, the scout must immediately return to the gallery. A scout shall not engage in out-riding. If a judge feels a scout is out-riding, the judge shall instruct the scout to return to the gallery".

Wingshooting USA – Wingshooting USA is a television program that promotes the enjoyment, challenges, camaraderie and satisfaction of the human – dog bond associated with upland bird hunting. Produced by Scott Linden Outdoors with the National Shooting Sports Foundation as a primary sponsor, Wingshooting USA will air starting in late September on "In Country TV" (Dish Network, channel 230) and the "Sportsman Channel" (DirecTV, channel 605). The AKC Performance Events Department is working with Scott to promote knowledge of the upland hunting breeds and develop future shows. The following message is being forwarded on behalf of the producers and sponsors of Wingshooting USA.

Trigger Your Passion: Wingshooting USA

You love hunting dogs. So do we. That's why they are such a big part of the new television series Wingshooting USA, launching in September. Brought to you by the National Shooting Sport Foundation, show host Scott Linden will feature an upland hunting breed every week in his "Breed Showcase" feature. Viewers will have a chance to vote for their favorite breed, win prizes, and become a better shooter, dog owner and bird hunter. In order to develop the breed showcase section of the show, Scott is seeking high-quality digital photos. Puppies, adults, senior dogs, anything in the field or home...retrieving, pointing or interacting with you. You are invited to send your favorite photos to scott can't guarantee that your photo will be used on the air, but he will do his best to tell the story of 13 different upland hunting breeds over the course of the broadcast season. The Breed Showcase will

mention the AKC Meet the Breed web pages where viewers can learn more about the breed (www.akc.org/breeds/sporting_group.cfm, then click on the breed of interest). The breed receiving the most votes will win a ton of Native Performance Dog Food for their breed's national rescue group. To learn more about the show, go to www.scottlindenoutdoors.com/wingshootingusa/.

The fine print: by submitting a photo, you agree to let Scott use it on the program and in promotional materials free of charge, and that you are the sole owner of the photo. If there is a human in the photograph, it must be you or we will not be able to use it. If you are in the photo, by submitting it you grant permission to use your likeness on the show and in promotional materials.