



**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB™**



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To: **All Clubs Licensed to Host Pointing Breed Field Trials and Hunting Tests**

Subject: **Meet the Breeds (MTBs) in the Field Video**

Last November, AKC Sports & Events filmed a Meet the Breeds in the Field video. The purpose was to demonstrate both the form and function of pointing breeds. The video is being distributed to all pointing breed field trial and hunting test clubs for use as you feel is appropriate. Please find a link the video below. Many clubs have expressed an interest in showing it at their club meetings and at outdoor expos that the club attends.

Link to the video: <https://vimeo.com/815392895/117d4f30ba>

Meet the Breeds in the Field attempts to demonstrate both the form and function of pointing breeds. The video includes conformation judges Michael Faulkner and Karolynne McAteer explaining the major characteristics of each breed, and then watching the breeds work in the field.

At one level, MTBs in the Field is interesting and educational as we learn about the similarities and differences between the 15 breeds that were represented. It also provides a deeper message for serious owners and breeders.

- Understanding the interdependence of form and function is to understand the value of purebred dogs.
- When AKC was founded in 1884, its first two sports were conformation and field trials. This was driven by the desire of owners/breeders to have a structured way to evaluate form and function.
- Understanding the history of these breeds allows us to appreciate that thoughtful owners and breeders have been working to enhance these breeds for hundreds of years, and we are the lucky ones that are benefiting from their work.
- Considering the breeds in the context of time serves to remind us of our responsibility to the future of our breeds.

In addition to use by AKC clubs, the video has a number of applications. It has been posted in the AKC Canine College. Conformation judges have been informed of its availability for their education. AKC.tv will be posting it on their website. Breed segments will be utilized to enhance the breed specific webpages on the AKC website. AKC Government Relations will utilize it when appropriate at legislative sportsmen's caucuses.

The total video is 45 minutes. You can find it in Canine College at [www.caninecollege.akc.org](http://www.caninecollege.akc.org) then click on videos. Should you have any questions, please contact Dawn Salpeck at [Dawn.Salpeck@akc.org](mailto:Dawn.Salpeck@akc.org).