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Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to Host Retriever Hunting Tests**

Subject: **Wirehaired Vizsla Eligible / Up to Two Hunt Tests Per Year for Parent Clubs**

This is to inform your club of two upcoming changes to the *Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers*. The first change will allow the Wirehaired Vizsla to participate in retriever hunting tests. The Wirehaired Vizsla was developed in Hungary in the early 1900's as a versatile hunting dog, capable of both upland bird and waterfowl hunting. This breed has been added to the list of [eligible breeds](#) allowed to participate in retriever hunting tests.

The second change will allow parent clubs of any breed eligible to participate in Retriever Hunting Tests, to hold up to two tests per year that are open to their breed only. This enables a Parent Club to hold single breed hunting tests in conjunction with their regional or local specialty breed events. A test open to only one breed will not be in conflict with an all-breed test. Both changes become effective **June 1, 2022**.

The exact wording of the change is underlined and will appear in the next printing of the regulations as follows:

Chapter 1. Section 4. Entry Requirements.

(Paragraph 3)

A specialty club formed for any one of the eligible breeds may be approved to hold a Hunting Test in which only that breed may participate when the event is held in conjunction with Special National events. In addition, a Parent Club may hold up to two Hunting Test per year limited to its own breed. When a specialty club elects to restrict entry to its breed, the premium list must specify that the event is open to only that breed. The conflict mileage between events does not apply when an event is limited to one breed.

This regulation update has been posted to the [Retriever Hunting Tests News And Updates](#) webpage and is being communicated to all retriever hunting test clubs and approved judges. Please send any comments or questions to: huntingtest@akc.org If you send a request to update your email address, please provide your name, city and state.