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To: All Licensed Pointing Breed Field Trial and Hunting Test Clubs

Subject: **SportDOG GPS Tracking Collar**

The AKC Performance Events Department has approved the SportDOG GSP tracking collar for use in field trials and hunting tests. The model of this unit is TEK-V1L, which consists of the TEK-L collar and the TEK-H receiver. The GPS collar has an antenna that runs from the box below the dog's neck up around the side of the dog's head. The unit is pictured below.



This unit is unique in that there is an e-collar module that can be attached to the same collar.

The collar can not be used with the e-collar module attached. The e-collar module has its own antenna; therefore this collar with the e-collar module attached will have two antennas, one on each side of the dog's head. Judges should be alert to the number of antennas. If there is any question or uncertainty, judges have the authority to request the collar be removed for inspection.

It is the responsibility of the handler to insure the dog is wearing an approved collar. If a handler errors, whether intentional or by mistake, it is the event committee's responsibility to investigate the matter and if in their opinion a violation of the regulations has occurred, the handler must be charged with misconduct.

The use of specific tracking devices may be rescinded at any time by the Performance Events Department if the regulations pertaining to their use become overly difficult to enforce or in the case of repeated misuse.

All AKC approved tracking devices and the Regulations governing their use may be viewed at – www.akc.org/trackingdevices/.