



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB™

Performance Events Department

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

Subject: **Two New GPS Tracking Collars Allowed**

Recently two new GPS tracking collars have been released. This is to inform you that the AKC Performance Events Department has approved the SportDOG TEK-V2L and the Garmin T5 Mini for use in field trials and hunting tests.



This communication is a good opportunity to review the regulations governing the use of tracking devices at AKC Pointing Dog events.

The use of tracking devices is solely for locating the dog once the dog is no longer under judgment. Information obtained through the use of a tracking device must not be used to aid the handler, scout or judges. If the host club allows tracking devices, the following regulations on their use will apply.

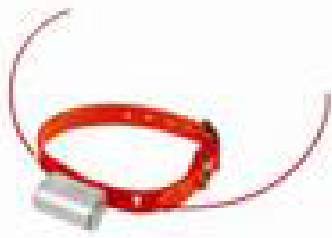
1. AKC Approved – Only tracking devices approved by the AKC Performance Events Department will be permitted. The collar and receiver must be used as received from the manufacturer. No modifications may be made other than name tags may be added. The collar surface against the dog's neck shall be flat. Approval will include both the collar and the receiver.
2. Carrying Receivers – The scout may not carry a receiver. The handler may carry a receiver with the permission of the Judges. **The receiver must be turned off while the dog is under judgment.**
3. Receivers in the Gallery Must Be Turned Off – No one in the gallery shall track the dogs while the dogs are under judgment.
4. No “Outside” Communications - No one shall communicate in any manner with the handler, scout, judges or gallery any information obtained through the use of a tracking device while the dogs are under judgment. This includes the use of cell phones.

5. Receivers May Only Be Used Once the Dog is No Longer Under Judgment – Receivers shall only be activated once judgment has concluded. If a dog is gone at time, the dog is still under judgment until the judges indicate otherwise.
6. Dogs Lost From Previous Braces – If a dog is lost from a previous brace, the handler and scout may use their receivers during the next brace solely for the purpose of locating their dog. Once the dog is located, they must immediately turn off their receivers. They must not communicate any information they obtain through the use of their receivers concerning the dogs currently under judgment.
7. Judges May Not Consider Information Obtained Through Tracking Devices – Judges are not to consider any information obtained through the use of a tracking device. No one shall use information from a tracking device to attempt to influence a judge or to discredit the judge's decision.
8. The use of a tracking collar is an elective and it is the handler's responsibility to furnish the device. The running of a stake shall not be held up due to the lack of a tracking device.
9. Two-Collar Rule – A dog may wear no more than two collars. All collars shall be worn on the dog's neck. If the handler elects to use a tracking collar, it shall remain on the dog during the entire time the dog is under judgment. If the handler removes the tracking collar, the dog shall be considered out of judgment. Only one of the two collars may be a tracking collar.
10. The use of tracking devices is at the discretion of the host club. For both Field Trials and Hunting Tests, the premium must state that tracking devices are not allowed, otherwise they will be allowed.
11. Rescinding Use - Use of specific tracking devices may be rescinded at any time by the AKC Performance Events Department if the regulations pertaining to their use become overly difficult to enforce or in the case of repeated misuse.
12. Tracking devices may be worn during call backs, including a call back for retrieve except if a dog did not wear a tracking collar during its brace, it may not wear one in a call back.

Note – Electronic flashing collars are not allowed in AKC Pointing Breed field events.

All AKC approved tracking devices and the Regulations governing their use may be viewed at – www.akc.org/trackingdevices/. Or view them on the follow page.

Questions should be e-mailed to PerformanceEvents@akc.org.



Tracker Super Lite
(TTA - 100)



Tracker Strike
(TTA - 170)



Wildlife Materials
Model 3850



Quick Track
Pointing Dog



Marshall PowerPoint
HP with
lithium batteries



L.L. Electronics
LD-3



L.L. Electronics
CS-4 Flash Collar



Tracker Pico-XL



Garmin Collar - DC30
Receiver - Astro220



Garmin DC 40 Collar
Astro 220/320
Receiver



Garmin T5 collar
(distinctive feature is the
orange cap)



SportDOG TEK-V1L
(TEK-L collar & TEK-H
receiver)
**Can not be used with
the e-collar module
attached.**