February 21, 2013

To: All Clubs Licensed to Hold Tracking

Subject: **Tracking Judges May Handle Dogs in Non-Tracking Events**

This is to inform clubs licensed for Tracking of a change to the Regulations regarding restrictions put on tracking judges. Effective March 1, 2013 tracking judges may handle dogs in non-tracking events. Currently this is not allowed. In a judge-intensive sport, the Companion Events Department believes removing this restriction is a positive step forward.

The change to the Regulations is as follows:

**Tracking Judges Guidelines, Exhibiting Dogs Owned By Others.**

Judges (including provisional) may not handle dogs that are not owned or co-owned by themselves or a family member in tracking tests. It is not proper for a judge to co-own a dog solely to permit the judge to handle the dog. Tracking judges may handle dogs not owned or co-owned by them in other types of events (non-tracking events).

Comments may be sent to Tracking@akc.org.