

## How to find an AKC Hunting Test in your area

Owning a pointing breed lends itself to testing and competition under various organizations. The Northern Illinois, Southeast Wisconsin and Indiana areas have a very active schedule of AKC hunting tests in both the spring and fall.

Finding a hunting test to enter is relatively easy. Although the AKC requires clubs to have their events registered three months ahead of time, it's not unusual for a club to take up until a month prior to the event to have it listed.

So how do we go about finding an AKC hunting test?

Begin by going to the AKC website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

From the home page at the top right hand side of top bar is a tab called **Dog Shows & Trials**.

From that drop down menu click on **Field Events**.

The first section on the Field Events page is called **Event Calendar**.

Clicking that link will bring you to the **Events and Awards Search** page.

I suggest that you search for an event in the following order:

**Time Range** – choices are current, next month, next three months

**Competition Type** – hunting tests

**Map** – click on each state you would like to search

(states selected will display on the bottom left hand corner of the page)

The **Search** tab should open a new window with a schedule of all the tests for the time frame and state(s) that you selected. Please note that a **Hunting Tests** search will include pointing dog, retriever and beagle events.

Most hunting tests consist of a separate event on both Saturday and Sunday. Events are displayed by the host club, location, date (generally a Saturday and a Sunday) and the closing date for entries.

Clicking on the name of the club should open a window with more information on the test. A premium (entry form) can usually be found on the club's website or by contacting the event secretary.

AKC hunting tests are another fun way to extend the time in the field with your dog. The tests are scored to a standard and it usually takes 4 to 5 passing scores to qualify for a title. The entry fees are usually around \$45 and ribbons are given each time you have a qualifying score. For additional information on the requirements to pass each level search **Regulations for AKC hunting tests for Pointing breeds** on the AKC website. There you'll find a PDF of the rule book.