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To: AKC Board of Directors

From: The German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America

Our sport is most certainly going through trying times due to the impact of Covid-19. While the vast majority of canceled shows were simply lost forever, AKC Staff and Board saw the wisdom in allowing clubs to postpone their events - should they so desire.

Covid-19 has also caused many Parent Club National Specialties to be canceled, including the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America 2020 National Specialty.

Losing a National Specialty is a devastating blow to a Parent Club. As you know, the National Specialty is a unique experience each year that allows everyone in the breed to come together, share their learning and, most importantly, the opportunity to see, evaluate and compete against dogs from all over the country. It is a critically important part of the history of the breed.

Given its overarching importance, the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America respectfully asks for permission to postpone its 2020 National Events both show and field until a suitable date in 2021. Of course, the 2021 National Specialty would be presented at its already announced date.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. The membership and friends of the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America eagerly look forward to your positive response.

Stay Healthy and Safe.

Pat Laurans, Delegate

On behalf of the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America