



To: All PSA Members
Fr: PSA Directors
Re: 2007– 2008 Trial Season

Dear PSA Members:

Once again the directors of PSA wish to thank you for your membership in PSA. We have had another banner year in our sport. Although we have experienced a few “growing pains” along the way we believe the sport is stronger and better for it. It is because of you the members in whom the sport has continued to grow and thrive with several new clubs and trial venues.

In this letter I wish to bring to your attention some administrative & rules changes that will be in force during the 2007-2008 trial season. A few of these changes will impact your training however we believe your safety is our first concern. Other changes are aimed at helping the organization to run more efficiently and help us to grow even more. Members are encouraged to submit ideas for the sport to their regional directors. We like to pride PSA on being a sport for competitors, run by competitors, and we will continue to value not only your membership but also what you think about the sport.

At the National Championship in Farmingdale, New York the directors met and discussed the following changes that will take effect with the first trial of the 2005-2006 trial season:

1. Membership Dues Changes:

Membership dues will increase to \$65.00/single and \$100.00/family. We will also implement a Lifetime membership of \$500.00 and you will receive a Lifetime Member jacket with your membership. PSA is not raising membership dues without a purpose. Our purpose for a dues increase is to give back to the trial hosting clubs. If a club hosts a trial and has a judge from outside their region judge their trial then PSA will give the club UP TO \$250.00 towards the judges travel reimbursement.

2. Judge Scenario Writing Camp

Jerry Bradshaw will be hosting a Judge Scenario camp on the Friday prior to Nationals to assist judges with scenario writing. PSA wishes to give our judge's the tools to be more consistent in the scenarios that you the members compete with in upcoming seasons

3. Weekend Temporary Membership

It was decided by the Board of Directors that a temporary membership is made available for anyone wishing to attend a **PSA sanctioned educational event**. The membership will only be for the weekend event. It will have an expiration date and will **not be valid for Decoy Camps or trials**. This will allow the event to be covered under the PSA insurance and can then be considered a sanctioned event. The fee for this membership will be \$10.00. Forms can be found on the website.

4. PSA Store:

The link to the PSA will be disabled. Anyone wishing to purchase official PSA merchandise can do so by contacting your regional director for details.

5. PSA Website

The PSA website will be under going some changes. PSA will inform the members when the website will be unavailable and the timeframe it will be unavailable. We hope to have this done in a timely manner and with as little interruption to the members as possible..

6. **Club Dues:** Club dues are now due October 1st of every year. If it is not paid by November 1st the club will be removed from the website. Once removed, in order to be put back on your will need to pay any back club fees owed (depending when you pay the renewal) as well as an administrative fee of \$25.00 It costs us to have you added and removed so please pay your dues on time. You **CANNOT** host a trial unless your club has paid dues.

7. 2008 Nationals

The PSA 2008 Nationals will be held in Cookeville Tennessee hosted by Thunderhawk K-9. New nationals qualifying criteria will be for the PSA 1 division: 1 trial obtaining at least a 78% BUT must have competed in 2 trials or a TOP 5 placement in their particular Regional event (pass or fail) PSA 2 & 3 Division criteria will remain the same only that you must compete at 2 trials during the trial season.

8. 2008 Trail Season Venues:

Nov 10th & 11th Eugene, Oregon hosted by SOKS
Jan 19th & 20th PSA Seminar Grand Ledge, MI hosted by Premier K-9
Feb 16th & 17th Las Vegas, NV
March 8th & 9th East Coast Decoy Camp Sanford, NC hosted by Tarheel k-9
March 15th & 16th Phoenix,Az hosted by K9 Defense
March 22nd & 23rd Cookeville, TN hosted by Thunderhawk K-9
March 29th & 30th Stafford, Va hosted by sassafras K-9
April 12th & 13th Farmingdale, NY hosted by LIPD
Sonora, CA hosted by Team Weiss Hauzhn
April 19th & 20th Midwest Decoy Camp Hinkley, Il hosted by Windy City WDC
May date TBD West Coast Decoy Camp
May 3rd & 4th Windham, ME hosted by Northeast Protection Sports
May/June TBD Sanford, NC hosted by Tarheel K-9 (possible night trial)
June 7th & 8th Baltimore, MD hosted by Metropolitan K-9
June 14th & 15th Sacramento,Ca hosted by Industrial K-9
July 26th & 27th Los Angeles, Ca hosted by K-9 Coach
July 26th & 27th Grand Ledge, Michigan hosted by Premier K-9
August TBD New York and/or New Jersey
Sept 6th & 7th Midwest Regionals Cincinnati OH hosted by Premier K-9 of Ohio
Sept TBD East Coast Regionals Baltimore, MD
Sept Date TDB West Coast Regionals Sacramento, Ca hosted by NorCal Academy
Oct 25th & 26th Nationals in Cookeville, TN

Thank you for your participation in PSA, without you the members PSA would not be where we are with members approaching over 400. Please encourage everyone who trains with you to join PSA and helps us to continue to grow.

Certified decoys **please** contact Theresa by email at reesrotties@aol.com or phone 443-623-4128 in order to be added to the official certified decoy list. This list will be made available to hosting clubs for trials. Certified decoys that work at least 2 full trial venues per year are **eligible** for free membership, at the discretion of the Directors SO GET CERTIFIED- Certification Camps coming soon!!

If you are a Judge please contact me as well to make sure I have everyone.

Sincerely,

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