

## **Earning AKC Titles at the Retriever Master Nationals**

The AKC Performance Events Department feels it is an outstanding dog that can pass the Master National Retriever Hunting Test three times. The owner has demonstrated a commitment to the sport. The dog has demonstrated it can perform in different environments over a number of years. Three passes is the criteria a dog must achieve for it to be invited into the Master National Retriever Hall of Fame.

The AKC is willing to consider awarding a title to dogs that pass the Master National Retriever Test three times or more.

The following process is suggested by the Performance Events Department and is being provided to the Master National Retriever Club Board for consideration. Performance Events must receive written agreement from an officer of the Master National Club prior to making a recommendation for a new title to the AKC Board of Directors.

### **Title Earned at Master Nationals**

The suffix title awarded for passing the Master National Retriever Hunting Test three times would be called Master National Hunter (MNH). This title will be added to a dog's record which means it will appear on pedigrees.

A dog that passes more than three times would have the accomplishment acknowledged by a numeric designation after the title. For example, a dog that passes four times would earn the title MNH4.

The MNH title will not supersede the MH title, rather it will appear in addition to the MH title. A MNH title with a numeric designation will supersede the previous MNH title. For example, a MNH4 title will supersede a MNH title.

### **Process and Fees**

The Master National Club will track the number of times a dog passes its national event. Once a year following the national event the Club will send the Performance Events Department a list of the dogs that have earned a MNH or higher title (on a form provided by the AKC). The Master National Retriever Club will be charged a fee of \$20 per title to have the titles placed on each dog's record.

The owner of a dog that has earned a title may wish to receive an AKC title certificate. This is done by the owner submitting a form provided by the AKC along with a \$30 fee to the Performance Events Department. An AKC Title Certificate will be created and mailed to the owner. The request for a title certificate is totally up to the discretion of the owner.

Handling Titles Earned in the Past - The Master National Club may want to "catch up" by recording all titles earned in the past. The AKC will add all titles (the highest title earned) to each dog's record for a fee of \$20 per title. If the club decides to record titles earned in the past, owners may order title certificates.