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50 Year Judges

Introduction

Each year the American Kennel Club acknowledges those who have been judging for fifty years or more in the sport of dogs. These judges range from Obedience, Conformation, Tracking, and a few who judge a combination of these events. This year the American Kennel Club is honoring nine more outstanding judges who have put forth the time, effort, and dedication to make the dog world competitive and enjoyable for everyone.

Howard Dullnig

Born in 1917 in San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Dullnig's family did not have a dog-oriented background. He exhibited in his first dog show in 1931 and began judging Collies in 1940. He has owned an assortment of breeds but he is most knowledgeable in Collies. He was a sergeant major in the Army during World War II. He worked full-time as a commercial artist and photoengraver in Los Angeles, California.

Charles Nelson

Born and raised in the Bayou State of Mississippi, Mr. Nelson purchased his first dog in 1943. At that time he wanted to be fully involved in the dog world, so he joined the Louisiana Kennel Club. After nine years of being active with the sport through breeding and showing Bulldogs, he was approved to judge in 1951. Through his efforts he has developed and set up two organizations in Louisiana for Bulldogs. Among other accomplishments Mr. Nelson won the Will Judy Award in 1949 and 1954. He spent his occupation days as a U.S. Engineer.

Nicholas Kay

Being taken to a dog show in 1944, Mr. Kay immediately became interested in Obedience. He trained his German Shepherd Dogs through their Utility titles in Obedience. However, he also dabbled in the Conformation ring. He began his judging career in 1948, being approved for Obedience and Tracking. He has judged in Mexico, Australia, and Brazil. While not showing his dogs, he was a research chemist in Unocal Corporation.

Peggy Newcombe

Most notably known for breeding Whippets and Greyhounds, Mrs. Newcombe was approved to judge these two breeds in June of 1952. She has since judged both Nationals and many other specialties in conjunction with these breeds.

Dorothy Nickles

Ms. Nickles began her career breeding and showing Miniature and Standard Poodles. She began her judging career in 1952 being licensed to judge Novice Obedience. Soon after she applied for her breeds and has now become an All-Rounder who also does Obedience and Tracking. Away from dog shows she was an English Teacher.

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Mary Ann Alston

Mary Ann joined the AKC staff in July of 2000 as the Director of the Registered Handlers program. Her responsibilities were to develop and implement a program recognizing those people who have met certain criteria in the care and presentation of show dogs. In September of 2003, Mary Ann accepted the position of Director of the Judging Operations department.



Mary Ann and her husband, George, were professional handlers for over 20 years until 1991. They exhibited many top winning show dogs. During that time, Mary Ann also bred English Cocker Spaniels, Irish Setters, Gordon Setters and English Setters, breeding a Best in Show winner in each breed.

Prior to joining the AKC staff, Mary Ann was approved to judge the Sporting and Hound groups, as well as Best in Show and Junior Showmanship.

She and George currently reside in Cary, North Carolina, with a Doberman Pinscher and an English Cocker Spaniel.

True Measurement or Wicket Tyranny

By Dorothy Macdonald and Jodi Engel- ABC Delegate & Judge's Education

Let's not throw the baby out with the bath water.

The use of the tools available to measure a dog includes a wicket, the judge who sets the wicket and the dog.

In the Brittany world we want very much to retain our small size bird dog (the smallest of the pointing breeds). However recently there has been a rash of measuring for what seems to be spite. Believe us, any Brittany can be measured in or out with a very minor unseen difference in placing of the wicket. Recently a dog was measured out because it was measured on the ground, not on an appropriate surface. Recently a dog was measured out because the exhibitor was incorrectly told the dog must be left free standing and they were not allowed to touch the dog.

Remember many exhibitors are novice and are in considerable awe of the judge. All the more reason for the judge to be on the side of the exhibitor and to be trying to measure the dog IN. Measuring a Brittany (or any dog) is serious and must be done with full concentration and knowledge. You should want to measure a dog in, not try to measure a dog out. A dog's career and even a breeder's program can be at stake. Not giving a dog a ribbon is one thing; disqualifying it is

something else. Do it when justified but be careful and do it properly.

Key points in measuring:

Dogs that resist measurement should be excused. Never should the wicket be placed on a struggling dog. Yes, it has been said that some exhibitors have taught their dogs to struggle. Not your call, if the dog is not standing in a natural position DON'T MEASURE. Note: The dog should not have its head pulled back in an exaggerated show pose but be standing at ease.

At outdoor shows a platform (of adequate size and non-slip surface) must be provided.

The wicket legs must be set at the proper length, verified with a metal tape measure and then shown to the exhibitor. (This obviously means that all judges who judge a measurable breed should have a metal tape measure in their possession.)

The exhibitor should set up the dog in a natural stance with the head neither pulled up in a show pose nor pushed down below the withers. If you are unhappy with the positioning of the dog request the exhibitor to reset the dog. Do not touch the dog yourself.

Next place the wicket on the highest point on a dog's shoulder blades. Finding the highest point of the

shoulder blades can be a challenge since they are further back on dogs with good layback and closer to the neck on dogs with straighter front conformation. Use the left hand to locate the correct spot and then bring the wicket held in the right hand up from the rear and place it correctly. Make sure that the dog has not suddenly alerted to birds flying overhead or photographers throwing toys in the next ring, etc.

Note whether the wicket reaches the ground with both legs or swings free depending if you are measuring for top or bottom of the standard.

Remove the wicket with equal care backwards over the rear of the dog so as not to hit the dog. Sometimes judges are so pleased that the dog did measure in that they happily yank the wicket up and give the dog a pretty hard slap in the process.

Advise the exhibitor of the outcome and mark the judge's book.

Get on with your judging.

Measuring is serious business and should not be taken lightly by exhibitors or judges. When done well, Brittany folks will thank you. When done poorly, the future of the breed suffers. Good skills and good sportsmanship should prevail with respect to the issue of measurement.

Judging Operations Department

Some Old & New Names with Some Different Phone Numbers

Darrell Hayes- Assistant Vice President, Dog Show Judges (919) 816-3592

Susan Judge – Division Project Coordinator (919) 816-3590

Manages scheduling of Conformation Field Reps at Dog Shows and coordinates statistics and information from the field; manages administration of Registered Handlers Program; monitors and assists in development of division budget; assists with departmental correspondence with the fancy.

Mary Ann Alston – Director, Judging Operations (919) 816-3880

Provides assistance to the AVP in preparing judging approval policies for the Board of Directors.

Advises new and approved judges on the current approval process, responds to judges' correspondence, e-mail and telephone inquiries.

Ines Maldonado – Manager, Judging Operations (919) 816-3570

Oversees the daily operations of the Department, maintains judges' records on Competition Management System (CMS) and the Website. CMS generates the annual Judges Directory. Creates all judging forms and applications.

Melissa Hoover – Administrator (919) 816-3593

Prepares Secretary's Page, Board Recommendations, and process requests for Visiting Judges.

Linda Kimsey – Judges Assistant

(919) 816-3588

Processes New Breed & Junior Showmanship Applications, arranges interviews, and prepares Board letters. Process requests for New Breed Regular Judging status. Responsible for fulfillment requests and processing requests from Foreign Registries.

Judith Brite – Judges Assistant

(919) 816-3589

Processes Additional Breed Applications, arranges interviews, and prepares Board letters. Processes requests for Additional Breed Regular Judging status. Responsible for ordering internal office supplies/forms.

AKC Judges Professional Liability - Frequently Asked Questions



Q. What is the coverage intent of this policy?

A. The Insurance Company will pay those sums that an AKC recognized/approved judge becomes legally obligated to pay as damages because of any negligent act, error or omission in the rendering of or failure to render professional services while officiating at an AKC sanctioned event.

Q. When is coverage effective?

A. Coverage effective June 1, 2003 to June 1, 2004.

Q. Who is the insurance company?

A. As of June 1, 2003, Evanston Insurance Company will be providing this coverage. Evanston has an A.M. Best Rating of "A" X and is part of a \$2 Billion insurance corporation.

Q. When do AKC judges have coverage under this policy?

A. AKC recognized/approved judges have coverage under this policy while officiating at an AKC Sanctioned Event ONLY.

Q. Who has coverage under this policy?

A. All AKC recognized/approved judges while officiating at AKC Sanctioned Events.

Q. What limit of coverage is available under this policy?

A. The policy provides each judge with a \$1 million limit of liability for each occurrence, not to exceed \$1 million in any one year. Collectively, the most Evanston will pay in any one year for all AKC judges is \$10 million.

Q. Is there a deductible under this program?

A. No.

Q. Are defense costs in addition to the \$1 million limit of liability provided by this coverage?

A. Yes. Defense costs are in addition to the \$1 million limit of liability.

Q. Are there exclusions under this policy?

A. Yes. However the exclusions are standard to the insurance industry for this type of

coverage and including but not limited to:

1. Any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious act or omission of the insured.
2. Actions for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, assault or battery or conversions.
3. Injury to an employee of an AKC recognized/approved judge while in the course of employment by the AKC judge.
4. Assumption of liability by an AKC judge in a contract or agreement, unless that liability exists in the absence of such contract or agreement.
5. Performance of a criminal act.
6. While acting under the influence of intoxicants or narcotics.
7. Damages arising directly or indirectly from the judge's activities as an officer or director of any corporation, company or business other than while acting in an official capacity as an AKC recognized/approved judge at an AKC sanctioned event.

Q. Is there coverage under this policy if an AKC recognized/approved judge is hurt while officiating at an American Kennel Club Sanctioned Event?

A. No, optional coverage may be available under the AKC club's policy. If the AKC club for whom you are officiating purchases the AKC Club Liability and Accident program through Acordia and Equisure, Inc., officials and judges have the following coverage for injuries they suffer while officiating at an American Kennel Club Sanctioned Event:

1. Medical Expenses up to \$ 10,000, subject to a \$ 100 deductible and in excess of any other collectible insurance.
2. Temporary Total Disablement up to \$200 per week for a maximum of 52 weeks. No benefit is payable for the first 7 days of disablement.
3. Permanent Total Disablement up to \$40,000. This benefit is subject to a Permanent Disablement Scale as provided by the insurance carrier.

This coverage is available only if the AKC Club purchases the AKC Club Liability and Accident Policy. Not all AKC Clubs have this coverage. AKC Clubs interested in purchasing this program can contact the AKC Department at Equisure, Inc., **1-800-752-2472**.

Q. Does this policy provide defense coverage for non-monetary claims?

A. No. Coverage is triggered when a claim for damages is made. Defense is not provided to defend a decision that was made during an AKC event unless the claimant is asking for damages.

Q. What does an AKC judge do if they are verbally told someone is holding them responsible for an incident at an American Kennel Club sanctioned event?

A. Tell them that if they would like to put their complaint in writing, you will be happy to submit it to your insurance carrier for their determination as to whether or not you are legally liable for the incident.

NEVER ADMIT LIABILITY OR TELL THEM THE INSURANCE CARRIER WILL "TAKE CARE OF IT"

Q. What does an AKC judge do if they have been given written notice of a claim?

A. Contact Acordia at **1-800-332-9256** with information regarding the incident. Included in this packet of information is an incident/claim form with information that will need to be provided to Acordia. Please have this information available when contacting Acordia. You may also fax the incident/claim report to Acordia at 1-719-592-0799.

Q. What does an AKC judge do if they are served with a lawsuit?

A. The suit needs to be faxed to Acordia at **1-719-592-0799** or sent via overnight mail to: Acordia at 5755 Mark Dabling Blvd., Suite 300, Colorado Springs, CO 80919-2228, Attn: Jolene Vermeer. You will still be required to complete the incident/claim form.

Q. If I have questions about the coverage, who do I call?

A. Acordia is the program administrator; Jolene Vermeer or Jan Myers can answer your questions regarding coverage or claims procedures. They can be reached at **1-800-332-9256** or **1-719-592-1177**.

2003/2004 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS** denotes parent club sanctioned***SPORTING**

- AR Fort Smith – November 29**
***“The Brittany”** Contact Jodi Engel, PO Box 988, Albany, OR 97321; (541) 928-1087; fax: (541) 928-9911; cell: (541) 760-6346; pjskyline@attbi.com.
- PA Lancaster – January 9 & 10 2004**
***Multi-Spaniel Seminars**
“The Cocker Spaniel”
“The Welsh Springer Spaniel”,
“The Field Spaniel”
Contact Beth G. Speich, 7019 Silverwood Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34654; speichbeth@aol.com.
- NJ Secaucus – February 8 2004**
***“The Gordon Setter”** Contact Beth Beatty, PO Box 44, Pinnacle, NC 27043; (336) 351-4815; dogart-lover@sury.net.
- PA Harrisburg – April 9 2004**
***“The Welsh Springer Spaniel”**
Contact Laurie Stone, 125 Ridge Road, York Springs, PA 17372; (717) 528-7247; stonemyst@netrax.net.
- CA Ontario – April 18 2004**
***“The Weimaraner”**
Contact Cheryl Lent, 2052 Fieldview Drive, Auburn, AL 36832; liberty-weim@hotmail.com.
- MA Sturbridge – May 16, 17, 18 2004**
***“The Gordon Setter”** Contact Beth Beatty, PO Box 44, Pinnacle, NC 27045; (336) 357-4815; dogart-lover@sury.net.
- CO Colorado Springs – May 27 & 28 2004**
***“The English Cocker Spaniel”**
Contact Judy Corbett, 5721 Mud Lake Lane SW, Alexandria, MN 56308; (320) 762-2515 or (920) 285-9043; jaybriar@rea-alp.com.
- SC Greenville – July 23 2004**
***“The Weimaraner”**
Contact Cheryl Lent, 2052 Fieldview Drive, Auburn, AL 36832; liberty-weim@hotmail.com.

HOUND

- PA Harrisburg – April 11 2004**
***“The Afghan Hound”** Contact Laurie Stone, 125 Ridge Road, York Springs, PA 17372; (717) 528-7247; stonemyst@netrax.net.
- CA Riverside – March 11-13 2004**
***“The Dachshund”** Contact Ann Gordon, 119 Thornberry Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237; (412) 486-4261; angora119@aol.com.

WORKING

- FL Sarasota – February 4 2004**
***“The Doberman Pinscher”,**
“The Boxer” Contact Arlene Benko, 2447 Everest Parkway, Cape Coral, FL 33904; (239) 772-3788; abenko1@juno.com or Betty Duding, cell: (941) 928-8178.
- TX Mesquite – April 2 & 3 2004**
***“The Bernese Mountain Dog”**
Contact Denise Dean, PO Box 50517, Parks, AZ 86018; (928) 635-2931; dean7044@juno.com.
- OR Portland – May 1 2004**
***“The Great Pyrenees”** Contact Whitney Coombs, PO Box 3395, Gettysburg, PA 17325-0395; (717) 359-9459; fax: (717) 637-4780; whitney@ivancdutterer.com.

TERRIER

- IL Grays Lake – June 11 2004**
Multi Terrier
***“The Skye Terrier”,**
***“The Scottish Terrier”**
Contact Marcia Feld, 1054 Tamarack Lane, Libertyville IL 60048-3617; (847) 362-4237; mfeld@prodigy.net.

TOY

- KY Louisville – March 10 2004**
***“The Brussels Griffon”** Contact Lorene Vickers-Smith, (517) 323-1945; smithbros@aol.com.
- MI Howell – April 28 2004**
“The Toy Fox Terrier” Contact Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine, (734) 662-0849; foxairn@cs.com.

NON-SPORTING

- CA Santa Clara – November 28**
***“The Bulldog”** Contact Brenda Newcomb, 262 NE Cerritos Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262; (760) 325-3192; newcombbulldogs@aol.com.
- CA Long Beach – December 4**
“The Boston Terrier” Contact Michael Holt, PO Box 294122, Phelan, CA 92329; (760) 868-9208 or Alice Ochiai, 3931 San Augustine Drive, Glendale, CA 91206.
- OH Cleveland – December 9**
***“The Shiba Inu”**
Contact Jacey Holden, 3991 W. Peltier Road, Lodi, CA 95242; (209) 369-3473; jacey@shibainus.com.
- CA San Bernardino – January 22 2004**
***“The Chinese Shar-Pei”**
Contact Coreen Beebower, (909) 982-1017 or (909) 318-6979; honeybeeknls@juno.com.
- MI Howell – March 24 2004**
“The Shiba Inu” Contact Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine, (734) 662-0849; foxairn@cs.com.
- MD Frederick – April 21 2004**
***“The Boston Terrier”** Contact Carl E. Gomes, 4408 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY 10470; (718) 994-0834; fax: (718) 994-7037.

HERDING

- MA Worcester – November 29**
“The Shetland Sheepdog”,
“The Collie” and Comparisons
Contact Debbie Hokkanen, 186 Pilgrim Drive, Holden, MA 01520-1927; (508) 852-4473; fax: (508) 852-1067 or Jeffrey Snyder, (508) 865-5824.
- MN St. Paul – January 3 2004**
***“The Collie”** Contact Beverly Capstick, 8615 Haug Avenue NE, Monticello, MN 55362; (763) 295-6206; bcapstick@tds.net.
- MA Worcester – November 27 2004**
“Pembroke Welsh Corgi”
Contact Debbie Hokkanen, 186 Pilgrim Drive, Holden, MA 01520-1927; (508) 852-4473; fax: (508) 852-1067 or Jeffrey Snyder, (508) 865-5824.

MISCELLANEOUS

- MI Howell – March 24 2004**
"The Kai Ken" Contact Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine, (734) 662-0849; foxairn@cs.com.
- MI Howell – May 26 2004**
"The Glen of Imaal Terrier" Contact Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine, (734) 662-0849; foxairn@cs.com.
- IL Grays Lake – June 11 2004**
"The Glen of Imaal Terrier" Contact Marcia Feld, 1054 Tamarack Lane, Libertyville, IL 60048-3617; (847) 362-4237; mfeld@prodigy.net.

MULTI-BREED

- WA SeaTac – November 7, 8 and 9 Multi-Breed Judges Education Seminars** Contact Stan Zielinski, 29625 144th Avenue SE, Kent, WA 98042; stan@stoans.net or Ric Byrd, hub@hctc.com.
- MA Boston – December 6 Multi-Breed Seminars** Contact Wendy Willhauck, 601 East Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; (508) 339-9242; frostfield@aol.com.
- OR Portland – January 17 & 18 2004 *Multi-Breed Seminars** Contact Jodi Engel, (51) 760-6346; pjskyline@comcast.net or Christie Smith, (503) 639-8403; dketa@aol.com.
- TX Fort Worth – March 20 & 21 2004 Multi-Breed Seminars** Contact Barbara Shaw, (903) 463-1335; ourgang1@airmail.net or Michael Heflin, tovarich@msn.com.
- PA Harrisburg – April 10 2004 *Multi-Breed Seminars** Contact Laurie Stone, 125 Ridge Road, York Springs, PA 17372; (717) 528-7247; stonemyst@netrax.net.

PROCEDURAL SEMINARS

- MA Boston – December 5**
"What You Need To Know About Judging – Preparation and Procedure" by Mari-Beth O'Neill Contact Karen Reuter, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 816-3595; kar@AKC.org.
- OH Cleveland – December 12**
"What You Need To Know About Judging – Preparation and Procedure" by Mari-Beth O'Neill Contact Karen Reuter, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 816-3595; kar@AKC.org.
- MN St. Paul – January 2 2004**
"What You Need To Know About Judging – Preparation and Procedure" by Mari-Beth O'Neill Contact Karen Reuter, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 816-3595; kar@AKC.org.
- KS Wichita – April 2 2004**
"What You Need To Know About Judging – Preparation and Procedure" by Mari-Beth O'Neill Contact Karen Reuter, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 816-3595; kar@AKC.org.
- PA Harrisburg – April 9 2004**
"What You Need To Know About Judging – Preparation and Procedure" by Mari-Beth O'Neill Contact Karen Reuter, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 816-3595; kar@AKC.org.

INSTITUTES

- NJ April 25 – 30 2004 Advanced Terrier Institute** Contact Karen Reuter, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 816-3595; kar@AKC.org.
- IN Columbus – August 19-22 2004 Judges Institute** Contact Karen Reuter, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 816-3595; kar@AKC.org.

The following statement is submitted by the Judges Education Committee of the Saluki Club of America

The Saluki Club of America, Inc. wishes to remind all judges that the Saluki is to be evaluated primarily in regard to its superior sighthound hunting qualities.

Therefore, the amount of feathering (in the feathered version of the breed), colors and patterns are immaterial. The standard lists a number of coat colors & patterns. There are many more possibilities as well. All are to be viewed as equal in merit.

Likewise, the amount of feathering which a Saluki displays has no bearing on the ability of the hound to fulfill its stated purpose. Smooths and feathereds should be judge equally and abundant feathering should be viewed as irrelevant.

Please help us keep the Saluki the strong, working sighthound the standard requires by selecting for the proper functional qualities rather than rewarding the superficial features. When judging Salukis, color and coat type are immaterial.

Letter to the Editor

Regarding the message in the latest issue from the Belgian Sheepdog Club of America – I definitely think they are absolutely right. In fact, I think that every adult dog must stand confidently for examination and move with self assurance. Stability in every adult dog is extremely important – shrinking from the judge is a major fault. Quite a number of breed standards ask that shy dogs be excused. Exceptions can be made for puppies that are just starting out but still should not be rewarded beyond the puppy class. Please, do not reward the temperamentally impaired dog!

Harriett W. Campbell



From the Keeshond Club of America

The Keeshond Club Of America as well as the Judges Education Committee would like to thank the American Kennel Club for allowing us this opportunity to address some issues of concern that relate to the judging of our breed.

In the area of coat and color, it is important to note that a light, silver colored dog with the proper markings such as shoulder flashings, distinct spectacles, etc. is as acceptable as is the darker animal. Our standard calls for a dramatically marked dog, with a mixture of gray, black and cream and the coloration may vary from light to dark. It bears noting that the color cream is not yellow, orange, tawny or brown but rather, cream. Whipped Cream and Half and Half are cream in color. Coat, color and markings are clearly described in both the Standard and the Keeshond Club of America's Illustrated Guide and we urge the Judges to follow those guidelines while judging our breed.

The second concern and of equal importance in evaluating our breed is movement. Our standard describes this breed as well-balanced and short-cou-



pled and later discusses the gait as distinctive and unique to our breed. They should move cleanly, briskly, straight and sharp with the reach and drive being SLIGHT to MODERATE. They can and should appear as efficient movers but should not out move a Dalmatian or Standard Poodle. It is important to remember that this is the Dutch Barge Dog and in order to be able to navigate on a slippery and wet deck, the dog had to be able to cleanly turn a corner and hold his/her footing. The Keeshond, therefore, should be sure-footed and agile with slight to moderate reach and drive.

On a final note, every licensed Judge as well as all Provisional Judges for our breed are entitled to receive, free of charge, a copy of the Keeshond Club Of America's Illustrated Guide. If you have not received one, please feel free to contact Ms. Phyllis Noonan, 1521 South Keim Street, Pottstown, Pa. 19465 or e-mail at Londondary@aol.com and a copy will be sent to you with our compliments.

Thank You

To All AKC Judges of Miniature Schnauzers:

The AMSC Board recently resolved to clarify its position on undocked tails on dogs being shown at AKC events and voted to send the following statement to all AKC-approved judges of Miniature Schnauzers. The wording of the statement has been approved by the AKC Judging Department.

The Board of Governors of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club on October 3, 2003, voted to remind all those judging Miniature Schnauzers in AKC conformation that the current Standard for the Miniature Schnauzer calls for a docked tail. The complete text from the Standard regarding the tail reads: "Tail set high and carried erect. It is docked only long enough to be clearly visible over the backline of the body when the dog is in proper length of coat."

A dog shown in conformation with a natural tail should be penalized because an undocked tail is a deviation from the Standard.

Sincerely,
Terrie Houck
AMSC Secretary



50 Year Judges *continued from Front page*

Ralph Roberts

Mr. Roberts purchased his first German Shepherd Dog in 1946, and has since produced over 100 champions. At one point he owned the top-winning German Shepherd Dog of all time. Mr. Roberts began his judging career in 1952 with his first breed being German Shepherds. He also served as a delegate to the American Kennel Club for twenty-six years. He earned his living however being a General Building Contractor. He notes that none of his achievements could have been accomplished without his wife Mary.

Isabel Robson

Known most notably for her actions

and achievements in the sport of horses, Mrs. Robson has also bred some magnificent Dalmatians, Shetland Sheepdogs, Dachshunds, and Pembroke Welsh Corgis. She was first approved to judge Shetland Sheepdogs and Dalmatians in August of 1952. She has since retired from judging dogs.

Joseph Heine

Mr. Heine became involved with dogs when he was four years old through his parents. While serving in the Army Intelligence Department in Germany, he contacted a Boxer breeder. Through her, he received a bitch that he brought back to America. This bitch became the foundation of Boxella Kennels, his

Boxer kennel. Shortly thereafter, he began judging Boxers in 1951. Mr. Heine made his living as a funeral director and embalmer in Ohio.

Glen Fancy

An avid dog lover, Mr. Fancy was drawn into dog shows through Obedience. He received approval to judge Obedience in 1951. He bred Miniature Schnauzers, Boxers, Scottish Terriers, and 13" Beagles. He currently is an All-Rounder who still judged all three Obedience classes. He was a Chief Transmission Officer, and has since received his doctorate in hypnotherapy.

Judges Action Guide in Brief - Excusals & Disqualifications

CODE	ACTION	CONDITIONS	RESPONSE	REFERENCE*
J1	JUDGE'S DECISION TO MEASURE EXHIBIT #00	MUST BE A HEIGHT DISQUALIFICATION FOR THE BREED OR A HEIGHT ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CLASS IF #00 FAILS TO STAND FOR MEASURING TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE JUDGE	SET WICKET CORRECTLY AND SHOW EXHIBITOR, CORRECTLY MEASURE #00 AND MARK BOOK: (1) MEASURED IN (INITIAL), OR (2) MEASURED OUT, DISQUALIFIED (INITIAL) OR (3) MEASURED OUT, INELIGIBLE, EXCUSED (INITIAL) MARK BOOK: #00 UNABLE TO MEASURE, EXCUSED (INITIAL)	CH 14, SEC 3
J2	JUDGE'S DECISION TO WEIGH EXHIBIT #00	MUST BE A WEIGHT DISQUALIFICATION FOR THE BREED OR A WEIGHT ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CLASS IF #00 FAILS TO BE POSITIONED FOR ACCURATE WEIGHING	CORRECTLY WEIGH #00 AND MARK BOOK: (1) WEIGHTED IN (INITIAL), OR (2) WEIGHED OUT, DISQUALIFIED (INITIAL) OR (3) WEIGHED OUT, INELIGIBLE, EXCUSED (INITIAL) MARK BOOK: #00 UNABLE TO WEIGH, EXCUSED (INITIAL)	CH 14, SEC 4
J3	JUDGE'S DECISION TO RULE ON DISQUALIFYING CONDITION SPECIFIED FOR DOG #00	BLIND, DEAF, OTHER THAN TWO NORMAL TESTICLES, CASTRATED/SPAYED (EXCEPT STUD DOG/BROOD BITCH OR EXCEPT VETERANS**), CHANGED IN APPEARANCE BY ARTIFICIAL MEANS	MARK BOOK: #00 DISQUALIFIED, STATE CONDITION = E.G. BLIND (INITIAL)	CH 11 SEC 8
J4	JUDGE'S DECISION TO RULE ON FOREIGN SUBSTANCE FOR DOG #00	ALTERATION OR CHANGE OF NATURAL COLOR, MARKINGS, SHADING, OR TEXTURE	MARK BOOK: #00 AWARDED WITHHELD, EXCUSED, FOREIGN SUBSTANCE = E.G. CHALK (INITIAL)	CH 11 SEC 8C
J5	JUDGE ATTACKED DURING JUDGING BY DOG #00	ATTACKED DURING EXAMINATION	DOG #00 MUST BE DISQUALIFIED, MARK BOOK: #00 DISQUALIFIED, ATTACKED JUDGE (INITIAL)	CH 11 SEC 8A
J6	JUDGE'S DECISION TO RULE ON DOG #00 ATTACK ON A PERSON DURING JUDGING	EXHIBITOR #11 ATTACKED BY DOG #00 IN THE RING	DOG #00 MUST BE DISQUALIFIED, MARK BOOK: #00 DISQUALIFIED, ATTACKED EXHIBITOR #11 (INITIAL)	CH 11 SEC 8A
J7	JUDGE APPROACHES DOG #00 AND QUESTIONS SAFETY OF EXAMINING THE DOG	A DOG MENACES, THREATEN OR EXHIBITS ANY SIGN THAT IT MAY NOT BE SAFELY APPROACHED OR JUGGED IN THE NORMAL MANNER	MARK BOOK: #00 EXCUSED, STATING REASON = E.G. BROWLING (INITIAL)	CH 11 SEC 8A
J8	JUDGE'S DECISION TO RULE ON MERIT OF DOG #00	LACK OF MERIT	MARK BOOK: #00 EXCUSED, LACK OF MERIT (INITIAL)	CH 7 SEC 15
J9	JUDGE'S DECISION TO ORDER ANY PERSON OR DOG FROM THE RING	IN THE JUDGE'S OPINION THERE IS A PRESENCE IN THE RING OF EITHER A PERSON OR A DOG THAT IS CONTRARY TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE AKC AND ITS POLICIES	MARK BOOK: EXCUSED, EXHIBITOR #11 OR DOG #00, STATE REASON (INITIAL)	CH 7 SEC 16
J10	JUDGE'S DECISION TO EVALUATE #00'S LAMNESS	DOG #00 IS LAME	MARK BOOK: #00 EXCUSED, LAME (INITIAL)	CH 11 SEC 8B
J11	JUDGE IS UNABLE TO EXAMINE DOG #00	DOG #00 IS SHY OR CANNOT BE CONTROLLED FOR EXAMINATION	MARK BOOK: #00 EXCUSED, COULD NOT EXAMINE (INITIAL)	CH 7 SEC 8A CH 7 SEC 16
E1	VERBAL PROTEST BY EXHIBITOR #11 OF HEIGHT OF DOG #00	MUST BE MADE BY AN EXHIBITOR IN THE RING MUST BE REQUESTED BEFORE EACH CLASS DOG HAS BEEN INDIVIDUALLY EXAMINED AND GAITED MUST BE A BREED DISQUALIFICATION OR A CLASS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT	PROCEED AS IN J11 ABOVE EXCEPT BOOK MUST BE MARKED: VERBAL PROTEST #11, HEIGHT #00, AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) SUSTAINED = MEASURED OUT, DISQUALIFIED (INITIAL) OR (2) SUSTAINED = MEASURED OUT, INELIGIBLE, EXCUSED (INITIAL) OR (3) NOT SUSTAINED = MEASURED IN (INITIAL)	CH 15, SEC 2 CH 14, SEC 3
E2	VERBAL PROTEST BY EXHIBITOR #11 OF WEIGHT OF DOG #00	MUST BE MADE BY AN EXHIBITOR IN THE RING MUST BE REQUESTED BEFORE EACH CLASS DOG HAS BEEN INDIVIDUALLY EXAMINED AND GAITED MUST BE A BREED DISQUALIFICATION OR A CLASS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT	PROCEED AS IN J12 ABOVE EXCEPT BOOK MUST BE MARKED: VERBAL PROTEST #11, WEIGHT #00, AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) SUSTAINED = MEASURED OUT, DISQUALIFIED (INITIAL) OR (2) SUSTAINED = MEASURED OUT, INELIGIBLE, EXCUSED (INITIAL) OR (3) NOT SUSTAINED = MEASURED IN (INITIAL)	CH 15 SEC 2 CH 14 SEC 4
E3	VERBAL PROTEST BY EXHIBITOR #11 OF DISQUALIFYING CONDITION SPECIFIED OF DOG #00	MUST BE MADE BY AN EXHIBITOR IN THE RING. MUST BE REQUESTED BEFORE EACH CLASS DOG HAS BEEN INDIVIDUALLY EXAMINED AND GAITED. MUST BE FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS: BLIND, DEAF, OTHER THAN TWO NORMAL TESTICLES, CASTRATED/SPAYED (EXCEPT STUD DOG/BROOD BITCH OR EXCEPT VETERANS**), CHANGED IN APPEARANCE BY ARTIFICIAL MEANS.	MARK BOOK: VERBAL PROTEST #11, DEF #00 (1) SUSTAINED, DISQUALIFIED (INITIAL) OR (2) NOT SUSTAINED (INITIAL)	CH 15 SEC 2 CH 11 SEC 8
E4	VERBAL PROTEST BY EXHIBITOR #11 OF "FOREIGN SUBSTANCE" OF DOG #00	MUST BE MADE BY AN EXHIBITOR IN THE RING. MUST BE REQUESTED BEFORE EACH CLASS DOG HAS BEEN INDIVIDUALLY EXAMINED AND GAITED. MUST BE FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS: ALTERATION OR CHANGE OF NATURAL COLOR, MARKINGS, SHADING, OR TEXTURE.	MARK BOOK: VERBAL PROTEST BY EXHIBITOR #11 OF DOG #00, FOREIGN SUBSTANCE = E.G. DYE (1) SUSTAINED, DISQUALIFIED (INITIAL) OR (2) NOT SUSTAINED (INITIAL)	CH 15 SEC 2 CH 11 SEC 8C
E5	VERBAL PROTEST DURING JUDGING BY EXHIBITOR #11 THAT DOG #00 IS VIOLENT	IMMATERIAL	PROTEST DISALLOWED; VIOLENCE IS NOT SUBJECT TO IN-RING PROTESTS	CH 15 SEC 2 CH 11 SEC 8A
E6	VERBAL PROTEST DURING JUDGING BY EXHIBITOR #11 THAT DOG #00 IS LAME	IMMATERIAL	PROTEST DISALLOWED; LAMNESS IS NOT SUBJECT TO IN-RING PROTESTS	CH 15 CH 11 SEC 8B
E7	VERBAL PROTEST BY EXHIBITOR #11 OF DOG #00 AFTER EACH CLASS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN INDIVIDUALLY EXAMINED AND GAITED BY A/JUDGE AS INDICATED PLACEMENT	IMMATERIAL	PROTEST DISALLOWED; IN-RING PROTESTS CANNOT BE HONORED AFTER EACH EXHIBIT HAS BEEN INDIVIDUALLY EXAMINED AND GAITED	CH 15 SEC 2
E8	VERBAL PROTEST OF DOG #00 DURING JUDGING BY ANYONE EXCEPT AN IN-RING EXHIBITOR, E.G. A RINGSIDE OWNER OF A DOG BEING EXHIBITED	IMMATERIAL	PROTEST DISALLOWED; ONLY AN IN-RING EXHIBITOR MAY INITIATE A PROTEST	CH 15 SEC 2

* RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS

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Overgroomed Havanese Head Furnishings

The Havanese Club Of America is voicing its strong objection to the overgrooming of our breed, a subject that is clearly addressed in the standard; and respectfully urges judges to (a) withhold any class ribbon, and (b) withhold any Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite to Best of Breed, and Best of Breed placement from any Havanese whose head furnishings are arranged in an exaggerated pompadour, whether sprayed or unsprayed.

Correct presentation of the head furnishings is clearly defined in our Standard (approved June 2001) as follows: "The long untrimmed head furnishings may fall forward over the eyes, naturally and gracefully to either side of the skull, or held in two small braids beginning above the outer corner of the eyes, secured with plain elastic bands."

Any presentation other than the three options described above is decidedly incorrect



Note: Head furnishings brushed back, teased and hairsprayed into a pompadour does not constitute natural presentation.

and should not be rewarded. Although handlers may brush the hair out of the dog's eyes while in the ring to facilitate unrestricted vision, an unenhanced coat of correct texture will shortly fall back into its natural position after so doing.

We appreciate your cooperation regarding this important issue.

Although we are well aware that your primary responsibility is to evaluate breeding stock, and understand that this is not a genetic problem, we feel we have no alternative at this point other than to ask that you withhold placement to stop this grooming trend which we feel negatively affects the ability of the judge to properly evaluate correct expression, skull shape, and earset, all of which are critical elements of breed type in the Havanese.

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