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# The Standard

THE AKC NEWSLETTER FOR CONFORMATION JUDGES

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## PATRICIA PROCTOR JENNER HIRED AS EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE



The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce that Patricia Proctor Jenner ("Pattie") has been hired as an Executive Field Representative. Pattie joined the staff on July 9, 2007 and will cover shows in the New England area.

"Pattie's broad background in and passion for the sport will be valuable assets to the department," said Darrell Hayes, Vice President of Dog Show Judges. "For the past 30 years she has trained, groomed, conditioned and handled all breeds for the conformation ring. This experience coupled with her work as an active member of the American Kennel Club's Registered Handler's program will serve her well in this new position."

Pattie began her career by competing in Junior Showmanship, eventually working for high profile professional handlers as well as breeding, owning and handling many conformation and obedience champions in multiple breeds. In 1978 she began handling professionally and has exhibited dogs extensively throughout the United States.

She is a founding and current member of the Owner-Handler Association of America. She maintains active membership in the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America and the Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club. She was also a member of the Professional Handler's Association.

### HYGIENIC EXAMINATIONS

Periodically AKC receives complaints alleging the spread of disease at dog shows through the examination process. Without discussing the merits of the allegations, AKC would like to remind all judges that we strongly encourage allowing exhibitors to show bites/mouths whenever requested by the exhibitor and it is done thoroughly, efficiently and safely.

The American Kennel Club considers the health and welfare of dogs of paramount importance and encourages judges to participate in a hygienic examination technique providing there is no compromise to a thorough, breed specific examination.

### 2008 JUDGES DIRECTORY

It's that time again! As of today, you should have received a letter to update your contact information for the Judges Directory. If you have not received your letter, please contact Ines Maldonado at (919) 816-3570, or email her at [ixm@akc.org](mailto:ixm@akc.org) with any changes immediately.

The 2008 Judges Directory will be available by December 2007.  
That's right, it will be ready for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship!

Reminder . . .

If you wish to link your AKC On-line account with your judge's record, please email your AKC account name to Ines Maldonado at [ixm@akc.org](mailto:ixm@akc.org). This capability will allow you to manage your own contact information at your convenience.



# THE STANDARD

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The polls are closed, the votes have been counted, and the new name for the Judges Newsletter has been selected: "The Standard".

The winners are: **Michael Dougherty (#4752) and Kim Meredith-Cavanna (#5978)**, who both submitted the winning name. Both Michael & Kim will receive a 5-year subscription to the AKC Gazette and a full set of Breed DVD's.

Contestants who offered name variations using the word "Standard" will be sent the following prizes: an AKC baseball cap and official AKC tape measure. Those winners include: **Patricia Mullen (#32334) and Dierdre Petrie (#63967)**.

Thanks for the many suggestions for the Judges Newsletter Name Contest!

## RULES, POLICIES, GUIDELINES

The "Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges" booklet has been revised and renamed. It is now called "Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges". While undergoing the several steps of editing and printing, the new publication may be found on our website. Go to the [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org), click on "Events", then "Judges", then "Conformation", then go to the bottom of the page and click on the link to "Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges".

### YORKSHIRE TERRIER BREED STANDARD

*TOY GROUP*

*APPROVED:*

*JULY 10, 2007*

*EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007*

#### *General Appearance*

That of a long-haired toy terrier whose blue and tan coat is parted on the face and from the base of the skull to the end of the tail and hangs evenly and quite straight down each side of body. The body is neat, compact and well proportioned. The dog's high head carriage and confident manner should give the appearance of vigor and self-importance.

#### *Head*

Small and rather flat on top, the skull not too prominent or round, the muzzle not too long, with the bite neither undershot nor overshot and teeth sound. Either scissors bite or level bite is acceptable. The nose is black. Eyes are medium in size and not too prominent; dark in color and sparkling with a sharp, intelligent expression. Eye rims are dark. Ears are small, V-shaped, carried erect and set not too far apart.

#### *Body*

Well proportioned and very compact. The back is rather short, the back line level, with height at shoulder the same as at the rump.

#### *Legs and Feet*

Forelegs should be straight, elbows neither in nor out. Hind legs straight when viewed from behind, but stifles are moderately bent when viewed from the sides. Feet are round with black toenails. Dewclaws, if any, are generally removed from the hind legs. Dewclaws on the forelegs may be removed.

#### *Tail*

Docked to a medium length and carried slightly higher than the level of the back.

#### *Coat*

Quality, texture and quantity of coat are of prime importance. Hair is glossy, fine and silky in texture. Coat on the body is moderately long and perfectly straight (not wavy). It may be trimmed to floor length to give ease of movement and a neater appearance, if desired. The fall on the head is long, tied with one bow in center of head or parted in the middle and tied with two bows. Hair on muzzle is very long. Hair should be trimmed short on tips of ears and may be trimmed on feet to give them a neat appearance.



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# BELGIAN TERVUREN BREED STANDARD

HERDING GROUP

APPROVED:

JANUARY 9, 2007

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2007



## General Appearance

The first impression of the Belgian Tervuren is that of a well-balanced, medium-size dog, elegant in appearance, standing squarely on all fours, with proud carriage of head and neck. He is strong, agile, well-muscled, alert and full of life. He gives the impression of depth and solidity without bulkiness. The male should appear unquestionably masculine; the female should have a distinctly feminine look and be judged equally with the male. The Belgian Tervuren is a natural dog and there is no need for excessive posing in the show ring.

The Belgian Tervuren reflects the qualities of intelligence, courage, alertness and devotion to master. In addition to his inherent ability as a herding dog, he protects his master's person and property without being overtly aggressive. He is watchful, attentive, and usually in motion when not under command.

The Belgian Tervuren is a herding dog and versatile worker. The highest value is to be placed on qualities that maintain these abilities, specifically, correct temperament, gait, bite and coat.

## Size, Proportion, Substance

The ideal male is 24 to 26 inches in height and female 22 to 24 inches in height measured at the withers. Dogs are to be penalized in accordance to the degree they deviate from the ideal. Males under 23 inches or over 26½ inches or females under 21 inches or over 24½ inches are to be disqualified. The body is square; the length measured from the point of shoulder to the point of the rump approximates the height. Females may be somewhat longer in body. Bone structure is medium in proportion to height, so that he is well-balanced throughout and neither spindly or leggy nor cumbersome and bulky.

## Head

Well-chiseled, skin taut, long without exaggeration. Expression intelligent and questioning, indicating alertness, attention and readiness for action. Eyes dark brown, medium-size, slightly almond shape, not protruding. Light, yellow or

round eyes are a fault. Ears triangular in shape, well-cupped, stiff, erect; height equal to width at base. Set high, the base of the ear does not come below the center of the eye. Hanging ears, as on a hound, are a disqualification. Skull and muzzle measuring from the stop are of equal length. Overall size is in proportion to the body, top of skull flattened rather than rounded, the width approximately the same as, but not wider than the length. Stop moderate. The topline of the muzzle is parallel to the topline of the skull when viewed from the side. Muzzle moderately pointed, avoiding any tendency toward snippiness or cheekiness. Jaws strong and powerful. Nose black without spots or discolored areas. Nostrils well defined. Lips tight and black, no pink showing on the outside when mouth is closed. Teeth full complement of strong white teeth, evenly set, meeting in a scissors or a level bite. Overshot and undershot teeth are a fault. An undershot bite such that there is a complete loss of contact by all the incisors is a disqualification. Broken or discolored teeth should not be penalized. Missing teeth are a fault. Four or more missing teeth are a serious fault.

## Neck, Topline, Body

Neck round, muscular, rather long and elegant, slightly arched and tapered from head to body. Skin well-fitting with no loose folds. Withers accentuated. Topline level, straight and firm from withers to croup. Croup medium long, sloping gradually to the base of the tail. Chest not broad without being narrow, but deep; the lowest point of the brisket reaching the elbow, forming a smooth ascendant curve to the abdomen. Abdomen moderately developed, neither tucked up nor paunchy. Ribs well-sprung but flat on the sides. Loin section viewed from above is relatively short, broad and strong, but blending smoothly into the back. Tail strong at the base, the last vertebra to reach at least to the hock. At rest the dog holds it low, the tip bent back level with the hock. When in action, he may raise it to a point level with the topline giving it a slight curve, but not a hook. Tail is not carried above the backline nor turned to one side. A cropped or stump tail is a disqualification.

## Forequarters

Shoulders long, laid back 45 degrees, flat against the body, forming a right angle with the upper arm. Top of the shoulder blades roughly two thumbs width apart. Upper arms should move in a direction exactly parallel to the longitudinal axis of the body. Forearms long and well-muscled. Legs straight and parallel, perpendicular to the ground. Bone oval rather than round. Pasterns short and strong, slightly sloped. Dewclaws

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# 2007-2008 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

\* Denotes parent club sanctioned

## SPORTING

### CO Colorado Springs — September 14, 2007

**\*\*“Judges Breed Study Group The Chesapeake Bay Retriever”, Dyane Baldwin and JoAnn Colvin** Sponsored by the American Chesapeake Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Dyane Baldwin; 4308 Mannsville Rd., Newport, PA 17074; (717) 582-4997; pondholo@pa.net

### WA Shelton — September 21, 2007

**\*\*“Sussex Spaniel Judges Education Seminar”** Sponsored by the Sussex Spaniel Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Marcia Deugan; 26400 Morton Ave., Bonita Springs, FL 34135; (239) 947-2426; ZIYADAHreg@aol.com

### WA Shelton — September 21, 2007

**\*\*“The Wirehaired Pointing Griffon - A Judges' Education Presentation with Ringside Mentoring”, Lonnie Carroll** Sponsored by the The American Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Association in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Linda J. Gagnon; PO Box 981, Wendell, MA 01379; (978) 544-8933; wetacres@net1plus.com

### WA Everett — September 21, 2007

**\*\*“Golden Retriever Judges Education Seminar and Workshop”** Sponsored by the Golden Retriever Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Ainslie Mills; (604) 882-0820; oriana@telus.net

### CT Moodus — September 22, 2007

**\*\*“The Irish Red and White Setter”, Ann Gormley** Sponsored by the Irish Red and White Setter Association in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Leona (Lee) Robinson; 397 Valley Rd., Mason, NH 03048; (603) 878-1923; robilee6@earthlink.Net

### WI Oconomowoc — October 9-12, 2007

**\*\*“Gordon Setter Judges Education Seminar”** Sponsored by the Gordon Setter Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Lisa D. Summers; (440)352-0578; ncmgordons@aol.com

### NE Omaha — October 18, 2007

**\*\*“Vizsla Judges Education Seminar”** Sponsored by the Vizsla Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Dr. Sylvia J. Kerr; sylvia.kerr@uchsc.edu

### MI Howell — October 24, 2007

**“Irish Red and White Setter Breed Seminar”, Wayne Cavanaugh** Sponsored by the Michigan Dog Judges Association; Contact Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine; (734) 662-0849; foxairn\_3@msn.com

### AR Ft. Smith — November 23, 2007

**\*\*“Judges Education Seminar”, Diana Kubitz** Sponsored by the American Brittany Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Diana Kubitz; reneegade@voyager.net

### OH Johnstown — December 8-9, 2007

**“Golden Retriever Grooming and Handling Seminar”, Erik Strickland** Sponsored by the Association of Golden Retriever Breeders of Central Ohio; Contact Karen Mills; (614) 258-3620; karenmills@goldenretrieverbreeders.org; www.goldenretrieverbreeders.org /stricklandseminar/

## HOUND

### VA Aldie — October 1, 2007

**\*\*“Beagle Hands-On Evaluation”** Sponsored by the National Beagle Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Kathy Forbes; 3209 Hillsdale Dr., Urbandale, IA 50322; (515) 278-5008; skylinebeagles@yahoo.com

### WA Battleground — October 6, 2007

**\*\*“Irish Wolfhound”, Beverly Little** Sponsored by the Cascade Hound Association in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Dianne Kroll; (503) 649-1335; dianne.kroll@verizon.net

### WA Battleground — October 6, 2007

**\*\*“Whippet”, Tracy Hite** Sponsored by the Cascade Hound Association in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Dianne Kroll; (503) 649-1335; dianne.kroll@verizon.net

### WA Battleground — October 6, 2007

**\*\*“Dachshund”, Frances Colonna** Sponsored by the Cascade Hound Association in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Dianne Kroll; (503) 649-1335; dianne.kroll@verizon.net

### PA Pittsburgh — October 11-12, 2007

**\*\*“Basset Hound Conformation and Character”** Sponsored by the Basset Hound Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Kitty Steidel; ksteidel@aol.com; www.basset-bhca.org

### CA Pleasanton — October 19, 2007

**\*\*“Judges Education Seminar and Ringside Mentoring - The Basenji”** Sponsored by the Basenji Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Marianne Carden Klinkowski; 10010 Phar Lap Drive, Cupertino, CA 95014; naharin@comcast.net

### CA Pleasanton — October 20, 2007

**\*\*“Otterhound Breed Seminar”** Sponsored by the Otterhound Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Arlyne Smith; ArlyneBearsden@aol.com

### MI Howell — November 28, 2007

**“Afghan Hound Judges Education Seminar”, Cindy Chandler** Sponsored by the Michigan Dog Judges; Contact Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine; (734) 662-0849; foxairn\_3@msn.com

### NC Apex — January 16, 2008

**“Whippets”, Mary Dukes** Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathleen Rubens; (919) 362-4738; silvrhil@bellsouth.net

### OR Portland — January 19, 2008

**“Italian Greyhound Breed Seminar”** Sponsored by the Oregon Dog Judges; Contact Dave and Sherrie Krogh; (503) 691-0236

### NC Apex — June 16, 2008

**“The Dachshund”, Andrew D. Kostic, PhD.** Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathleen Rubens; (919) 362-4738; silvrhil@bellsouth.net

## WORKING

### NC Apex — September 2, 2007

**“Rottweiler Judges Education Seminar”, Mr. Busby and Ms. Rubens** Sponsored by the Carolina Rottweiler Club; Contact Cathleen Rubens; 971 Luther Rd., Apex NC 27523; (919) 362-4738; silvrhil@bellsouth.net

### IA Pleasant Hill — September 7, 2007

**\*\*“Komondor Judges Education Seminar”** Sponsored by the Komondor Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact John Landis; 2451 Wassergass Rd., Hellertown, PA 18055; (610) 838-9983; a026@enter.net

### PA Lancaster — September 14, 2007

**\*\*“The Samoyed - Judges Education Seminar and Hands-On Workshop”** Sponsored by the Samoyed Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Larry Mackai; 7909 Stevens Ave. SO, Bloomington, MN 55420; (952) 881-5080; larrymackai@comcast.net; www.sca2007nats.com/

### CT Bethel — September 18, 2007

**“The Komondor”, John Landis** Sponsored by the Connecticut Dog Judges; Contact Helene Nietsch; (203) 426-8194; helene.nietsch@ge.com

# 2007-2008 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

## MO St. Louis — September 21, 2007

**\*\*“Anatolian Shepherd Breed Seminar”**  
Sponsored by the Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Laura Edstrom-Smith; 8650 Pioneer Rd., West Palm Beach, FL 33411; (561) 818-2567

## PA Carlisle — September 21, 2007

**\*\*“Giant Schnauzer Breed Seminar”**  
Sponsored by the Giant Schnauzer Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Steve Fox; (502) 558-4730; robert.fox@ge.com

## OH Oxford — September 23, 2007

**\*\*“Breed Study Group”** Sponsored by the St. Bernard Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Joan Zielinski; 29625 144th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98042; (253) 631-1352; joan@stoans.com

## MI Monroe — September 28, 2007

**“The Standard Schnauzer”, Cheryl Crompton** Sponsored by the Monroe Kennel Club; Contact Pat Irvin; 6024 Fike Rd., Blissfield, MI 49228; (517) 443-5724; pat@irvinworld.com

## MI Monroe — September 28, 2007

**“The Bernese Mountain Dog”, Mary Alice Eschweiler** Sponsored by the Monroe Kennel Club; Contact Pat Irvin; 6024 Fike Rd., Blissfield, MI 49228; (517) 443-5724; pat@irvinworld.com

## MI Monroe — September 28, 2007

**“The Portuguese Waterdog”, Dr. Elizabeth F. Trainor** Sponsored by the Monroe Kennel Club; Contact Pat Irvin; 6024 Fike Rd., Blissfield, MI 49228; (517) 443-5724; pat@irvinworld.com

## MI Monroe — September 28, 2007

**“The Rottweiler”, Karen S. Riddle** Sponsored by the Monroe Kennel Club; Contact Pat Irvin; 6024 Fike Rd., Blissfield, MI 49228; (517) 443-5724; pat@irvinworld.com

## MI Monroe — September 29, 2007

**“The Alaskan Malamute”, Kathy Lorentzen** Sponsored by the Monroe Kennel Club; Contact Pat Irvin; 6024 Fike Rd., Blissfield, MI 49228; (517) 443-5724; pat@irvinworld.com

## MI Monroe — September 29, 2007

**“The Akita”, Rita Biddle** Sponsored by the Monroe Kennel Club; Contact Pat Irvin; 6024 Fike Rd., Blissfield, MI 49228; (517) 443-5724; pat@irvinworld.com

## MI Monroe — September 29, 2007

**“The Kuvasz”, Karen Barnes** Sponsored by the Monroe Kennel Club; Contact Pat Irvin; 6024 Fike Rd., Blissfield, MI 49228; (517) 443-5724; pat@irvinworld.com

## MI Monroe — September 29, 2007

**“The Anatolian Shepherd”, Sigrid and Rhys Owen** Sponsored by the Monroe Kennel Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Pat Irvin; 6024 Fike Rd., Blissfield, MI 49228; (517) 443-5724; pat@irvinworld.com

## MI Monroe — September 30, 2007

**“The American Tibetan Mastiff”, Martha Feltenstein** Sponsored by the Monroe Kennel Club; Contact Pat Irvin; 6024 Fike Rd., Blissfield, MI 49228; (517) 443-5724; pat@irvinworld.com

## MI Monroe — September 30, 2007

**“The Black Russian Terrier”, Barbara Schoon** Sponsored by the Monroe Kennel Club; Contact Pat Irvin; 6024 Fike Rd., Blissfield, MI 49228; (517) 443-5724; pat@irvinworld.com

## MI Monroe — September 30, 2007

**“The Neapolitan Mastiff”, Peggy Wolfe** Sponsored by the Monroe Kennel Club; Contact Pat Irvin; 6024 Fike Rd., Blissfield, MI 49228; (517) 443-5724; pat@irvinworld.com

## MI Monroe — September 30, 2007

**“The Great Pyrenees”, Marcy Bankus** Sponsored by the Monroe Kennel Club; Contact Pat Irvin; 6024 Fike Rd., Blissfield, MI 49228; (517) 443-5724; pat@irvinworld.com

## CA Ventura — October 4-5, 2007

**\*\*“The Portuguese Water Dog - Judges Education Seminar and Ringside Mentoring”, PWDCA Judges Education Committee** Sponsored by the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Dr. Elizabeth F. Trainor; 25 Lovett Rd., Oxford, MA 01540; (508) 987-2110; efrainor@verizon.net

## MA Fitchburg — October 5-6, 2007

**\*\*“Doberman Pinscher Judges Education Seminar”** Sponsored by the Doberman Pinscher Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Robert L. Vandiver; (864) 967-3581; rlvandiver@charter.net; www.dpca.org

## WI Oconomowoc — October 19, 2007

**\*\*“Alaskan Malamute Breed Study Group and Hands-On”** Sponsored by the Alaskan Malamute Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Nancy C. Russell; 601 Big Horn Dr., Walsenburg, CO 81089; (719) 738-5710; stormkloud@hughes.net

## PA Lancaster — October 26, 2007

**\*\*“Great Dane Judges Education Seminar and Ringside Mentoring”** Sponsored by the Great Dane Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Jane Treiber; PO Box 15, Curtis, WA 98538; (360) 245-3481; www.GDCA.org

## CA Rohnert Park — November 2, 2007

**\*\*“Judges Education Seminar and Study Group”** Sponsored by the Siberian Husky Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Phyllis Brayton; 1508 Brayton Ave., Escalon, CA 95320; (209) 838-2251

## KY Ft. Mitchell — November 2-3, 2007

**\*\*“Judges Education Seminar, Hands-On and Ringside Mentoring- The Akita”** Sponsored by the Akita Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Sylvia Thomas; 2155 Hackamore Place, Riverside, CA 92506; (951) 684-8230; ChiheisenAkitasc.com

## NC Apex — November 14, 2007

**“Portuguese Water Dogs”, Dr. Lou Guthrie** Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathleen Rubens; (919) 362-4738; silvrhil@bellsouth.net

## CA Lodi — January 5-6, 2008

**“Breeding Better Dogs”, Dr. Carmen Battaglia** Sponsored by the Great Dane Club of Northern California; Contact Barbara Moffett; (209) 772-9447; deltabreeze@gotnet.net

## TX Fort Worth — March 22, 2008

**“The Akita”, Sylvia Thomas** Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com

## TX Fort Worth — March 22, 2008

**“The Samoyed”, Larry Mackai** Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com

## TX Fort Worth — March 22, 2008

**“The Siberian Husky”, Phyllis Brayton** Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com

## TX Fort Worth — March 22, 2008

**“The Alaskan Malamute”, Sheri James** Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com

# 2007-2008 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

## TERRIER

### NC Apex — September 19, 2007

**"Fox Terriers", Judith Franklin**  
Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathleen Rubens; (919) 362-4738; silvrhil@bellsouth.net

### OR Albany — September 21, 2007

**\*"The Border Terrier Judges Education Seminar and Ringside Mentoring with Hands-On Evaluation", Phil Freilich and Robert Naun** Sponsored by the Border Terrier Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Phil Freilich; (925) 229-8040; Freelance1@aol.com

### TX Fort Worth — March 23, 2008

**"The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier", Gay Dunlap** Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com

### TX Fort Worth — March 23, 2008

**"The Welsh Terrier", Carol Beattie** Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@aol.com

### TX Fort Worth — March 23, 2008

**"The Lakeland Terrier", Harold "Red" Tatro** Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com

### TX Fort Worth — March 23, 2008

**"The Airedale Terrier", April Clyde** Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com

### TX Dallas — August 23, 2008

**"Lakeland Terrier", Herold "Red" Tatro** Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com

## TOY

### MD Frederick — September 25, 2007

**"The Affenpinscher", Jackie Stacy** Sponsored by the Mason Dixon Dog Judges Association; Contact Al Ferruggiaro; (301) 421-1930; alf198@yahoo.com

### MI Howell — September 26, 2007

**\*"The Papillon"** Sponsored by the Michigan Dog Judges in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine; (734) 662-0849; foxairn\_3@msn.com

### NC Greensboro — November 10, 2007

**\*"Judges Education Seminar- The Pug", Charlotte Patterson** Sponsored by the Furniture City Kennel Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Sally Yancey; (336) 282-5733; scyancey@aol.com

### OR Portland — January 19, 2008

**"Brussels Griffon Breed Seminar"** Sponsored by the Oregon Dog Judges; Contact Dave and Sherrie Krogh; (503)691-0236

### OR Portland — January 19, 2008

**"Papillon Breed Seminar"** Sponsored by the Oregon Dog Judges; Contact Dave and Sherrie Krogh; (503)691-0236

### OR Portland — January 19, 2008

**"Affenpinscher Breed Seminar"** Sponsored by the Oregon Dog Judges; Contact Dave and Sherrie Krogh; (503)691-0236

### OR Portland — January 20, 2008

**"Japanese Chin Breed Seminar"** Sponsored by the Oregon Dog Judges; Contact Dave and Sherrie Krogh; (503)691-0236

### OR Portland — January 20, 2008

**"Yorkshire Terrier Breed Seminar"** Sponsored by the Oregon Dog Judges; Contact Dave and Sherrie Krogh; (503)691-0236

### OR Portland — January 20, 2008

**\*"Pug Breed Seminar"** Sponsored by the Oregon Dog Judges in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Dave and Sherrie Krogh; (503)691-0236

### OR Portland — January 20, 2008

**"Silky Terrier Breed Seminar"** Sponsored by the Oregon Dog Judges; Contact Dave and Sherrie Krogh; (503)691-0236

### NC Apex — May 21, 2008

**"The Pug", Tina Webb Heres** Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathleen Rubens; (919) 362-4738; silvrhil@bellsouth.net

## NON-SPORTING

### CO Northglenn — September 6, 2007

**\*"Judges Education Seminar "The French Bulldog"** Sponsored by the French Bull Dog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Virginia Rowland; (978) 424-1044; blackslate@aol.com

### CA Long Beach — September 18, 2007

**\*"Poodle Breed Seminar", William Cunningham and Doris Cozart** Sponsored by the Poodle Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact John Shoemaker; dssup@cs.com

### WA Spokane — October 1, 2007

**\*"Bulldog Judges Study Group"** Sponsored by the Bulldog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Brenda Newcomb; 262 NE Cerritos Dr., Palm Springs, CA 92262; (405) 826-1232; bulldogsbrenda@aol.com

### NC Apex — October 17, 2007

**"Schipperkes", Bette Wynn** Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathleen Rubens; (919) 362-4738; silvrhil@bellsouth.net

### TX Houston — October 26, 2007

**\*"The Lhasa Apso Past- Present-Future"** Sponsored by the American Lhasa Apso Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Ms. Pat Keen Fernandes; PO Box 119, Knightsen, CA 94548; (925) 679-8676; shotru@sbcglobal.net

### IL Decatur — October 28, 2007

**"The Chinese Shar Pei", Karen Kleinhans** Sponsored by the Chinese Shar Pei Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Karen Kleinhans; 7803 N. Pawnee Rd., Pawnee, IL 62556; (217) 498-6850; kasupe@aol.com

### NC Kannapolis — November 17-18, 2007

**"Bulldog Judges Education Program", Brenda Newcomb** Sponsored by the Piedmont North Carolina Bulldog Club; Contact Cindy Stansell; (919) 606-6569; rocyndogs@earthlink.net

### MA West Springfield — November 23, 2007

**\*"The Chow Chow"** Sponsored by the New England Chow Chow Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Paula Titon; 126 Beacon Ave., Jamestown, RI 02835; (401) 423-0146; ptiton@earthlink.net

## HERDING

### CT Bethel — September 18, 2007

**"The Puli", Barbara Pessina** Sponsored by the Connecticut Dog Judges; Contact Helene Nietsch; (203) 426-8194; helene.nietsch@ge.com

### WA Arlington — September 25, 2007

**\*"Australian Cattle Dog Judges Seminar", Patti Salladay** Sponsored by the Australian Cattle Dog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Patti Salladay; 5752 SE 128th St., Portland, OR 97236; (503)449-7265; catchpen@comcast.net

### MI Frankenmuth — September 26, 2007

**\*"Old English Sheepdog Seminar and Workshop"** Sponsored by the Old English Sheepdog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Nancy Shaffer Smith; pinafore@att.net

### RI Warwick — September 28, 2007

**\*"Pembroke Welsh Corgi Seminar and Hands-On Workshop"** Sponsored by the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Marilyn Van Vleit; PO Box 3046, Salem, OR 97302; mvanvleit@farmersagent.com

# 2007-2008 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

OH Richfield — October 5, 2007

**\*“Briard Judges Education Seminar”**

Sponsored by the Briard Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Meg Weitz; mwweitz@aol.com; briardclubofamerica.org

MO Kansas City — October 13-14, 2007

**\*“Beauceron Judges Education Seminar and Workshop”, Earl Karas**

Sponsored by the American Beauceron Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Earl Karas; 656 NW 201, Warrensburg, MO 64093; (660) 747-3799; anasazisberians@aol.com

CO Loveland — October 16, 2007

**\*“The German Shepherd Dog -a Judges Breed Seminar”**

Sponsored by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Diane Mehra; (651) 439-0215; dmehra@aol.com

MO Grays Summit — October 19-20, 2007

**\*“Border Collie Judges Education Seminar”**

Sponsored by the Border Collie Society of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Linn Klingel; (651) 306-9091; linnkling@aol.com

AZ Yuma — December 1, 2007

**“Old English Sheepdog”, Nancy Smith**

Sponsored by the Western Dog Judges Association of America; Contact Dr.E. Carolyn Hensley; Box 249, Norco, CA 92560; (951) 279-4541; wdjaa@earthlink.net; www.wdjaa.com

NC Apex — February 20, 2008

**“Polish Lowland Sheepdogs”, Russell Tesarz**

Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathleen Rubens; (919) 362-4738; silvrhil@bellsouth.net

NC Apex — April 16, 2008

**“The Australian Shepherd”, Susan Moorehead**

Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathleen Rubens; (919) 362-4738; silvrhil@bellsouth.net

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## MULTIPLE BREEDS

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NY New York — February 8-9, 2008

**“Multiple Breed Seminars”** Sponsored by the Dog Judges Association of America; Contact Linda More; lindamore@earthlink.net

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## FSS BREEDS

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KY Louisville — March 15, 2008

**\*“Judges Education Seminar - The Portuguese Podengo”, Christopher Lodge Bergstrom**

Sponsored by the Portuguese Podengo Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Christopher Lodge Bergstrom; (860) 395-0546; kip.bergstrom@mac.com

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## JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

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KS Gardner — September 29, 2007

**“Judging Junior Showmanship Seminar”**

Sponsored by the Sunflower KC of Olathe, KS; Contact Lori Pierson; firecreek@everestkc.net

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## OTHER

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OH Richfield — October 2-3, 2007

**\*“Canine Reproduction, Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care Seminar”, Myra Savant Harris**

Sponsored by the Briard Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Martine Huslig; (512) 858-7939; mhslig@briardsbriards.com; www.myrasavantharris.com

NJ Bridgewater — October 17, 2007

**“Correlation Between Structure, Movement and Balance”, Mary Wiest**

Sponsored by the Mid-Jersey Labrador Retriever Club; Contact Shirley Ciprian; www.mjlr.org

PA Allentown — October 27-28, 2007

**“Canine Reproduction Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care”, Myra Savant-Harris**

Sponsored by the Anthracite Brittany Club; Contact Terry Hilliard; (610) 966-4922; lockridgebritts@aol.com

NY Rockville Centre — November 3, 2007

**“Advanced Canine Reproduction Seminar”, Dr. Robert Hutchison, DVM**

Sponsored by the Long Island Golden Retriever Club; Contact Sara Moran; (516) 524-4776; shm1@optonline.net; www.ligr.org

PA Richboro — November 3, 2007

**“Whelp Help Seminar”, Karen Copley, RNC, BSN**

Sponsored by the Meadowlands Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club and the Lenape Golden Retriever Club; Contact Kelli Marshall; (215) 968-2500; kmarsh7@verizon.net

MN St. Paul — November 10-11, 2007

**“A Dog Breeder’s Seminar: Solutions for Breeding and Whelping Challenges”, Peggy Root-Kustritz and Myra Savant-Harris**

Sponsored by the Twin Cities Voyageur English Springer Spaniel Association; Contact Sarah Kraft; (651) 257-1580; tcvessa@gmail.com; www.tcvessa.org

CA San Francisco — November 16, 2007

**“An Evening with Jan Fennell the Dog Listener”, Jan Fennell**

Sponsored by the International English Springer Spaniel; Contact David Swank; 4160 LaPlante Rd., Monclova, OH 43542; (419) 861-3819; david@iessc.org; www.iessc.org

VA Hampton — November 17-18, 2007

**“Gilbert’s K-9 Structure and Movement Seminar”, Ed and Pat Gilbert**

Sponsored by the Tideland Poodle Club; Contact Sherry Bryant; SherryAB@aol.com; www.tidelandspoodleclub.org

CA San Francisco — November 20, 2007

**“An Afternoon with Jan Fennell the Dog Listener”, Jan Fennell**

Sponsored by the International English Springer Spaniel Symposium Committee; Contact David Swank; 4160 LaPlante Rd., Monclova, OH 43542; (419) 861-3819; david@iessc.org; www.iessc.org

TX Dallas — December 8-9, 2007

**“Carolyn Scott Freestyle Seminar”, Carolyn Scott**

Sponsored by the Faith City Kennel Club of Wichita Falls and Southwest Airedales; Contact Joyce Miller; (972) 248-2128; jmiller@miller-wolfe.com; www.southwestairedales.org

FL Deland — January 4, 2008

**“Basic Canine Reproduction”, Mary McDaniel, DVM**

Sponsored by the Sunshine Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club; Contact Lesley Hammar; 6105 Orange Hill Court, Orlando, FL 32819; (407) 909-1659; lesley@cfl.rr.com; www.sunshinepwwc.com

MN Minneapolis — February 16-17, 2008

**“Gilbert’s K-9 Structure and Movement Seminar”, Ed and Pat Gilbert**

Sponsored by the Greater Twin Cities Fox Terrier Club; Contact Donna Johnson; djelison@Qwest.net

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## AKC INSTITUTES

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OH Cleveland — December 13-16, 2007

**“AKC Advanced Institute - Working Group”**

Sponsored by the American Kennel Club; Contact Amanda Abel; (919) 816-3862; AGA2@akc.org

IL Chicago — February 21-24, 2008

**“AKC Advanced Institute - Herding Group”**

Sponsored by the American Kennel Club; Contact Amanda Abel; (919) 816-3862; AGA2@akc.org

# BELGIAN TERVUREN BREED STANDARD

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may be removed. Feet rounded, cat footed, turning neither in nor out, toes curved close together, well-padded, strong nails.

## **Hindquarters**

Legs powerful without heaviness, moving in the same pattern as the limbs of the forequarters. Bone oval rather than round. Thighs broad and heavily muscled. Stifles clearly defined, with upper shank at right angles to hip bones. Hocks moderately bent. Metatarsi short, perpendicular to the ground, parallel to each other when viewed from the rear. Dewclaws are removed. Feet slightly elongated, toes curved close together, heavily padded, strong nails.

## **Coat**

The Belgian Tervuren is particularly adaptable to extremes of temperature or climate. The guard hairs of the coat must be long, close-fitting, straight and abundant. The texture is of medium harshness, not silky or wiry. Wavy or curly hair is a fault. The undercoat is very dense, commensurate, however, with climatic conditions. The hair is short on the head, outside the ears, and on the front part of the legs. The opening of the ear is protected by tufts of hair. Ornamentation consists of especially long and abundant hair, like a collarette around the neck, particularly on males; fringe of long hair down the back of the forearm; especially long and abundant hair trimming the breeches; long, heavy and abundant hair on the tail. The female rarely has as long or as ornamented a coat as the male. This disparity must not be a consideration when the female is judged against the male.

## **Color**

Body rich fawn to russet mahogany with black overlay is ideal and preferred. Predominate color that is pale, washed out, cream or gray is a fault. The coat is characteristically double pigmented whereby the tips of fawn hairs are blackened. Belgian Tervuren characteristically become darker with age. On mature males, this blackening is especially pronounced on the shoulders, back and rib section. Blackening in patches is a fault. Although allowance should be made for females and young males, absence of blackening in mature dogs is a serious fault.

Chest is normally black, but may be a mixture of black and gray. White is permitted on the chest/sternum only, not to extend more than 3 inches above the prosternum, and not to reach either point of shoulder. Face has a black mask and the ears are mostly black. A face with a complete absence of black is a serious fault. Frost or white on chin or muzzle is normal.

The underparts of the body, tail, and breeches are cream, gray, or light beige. The tail typically has a darker or black tip. Feet - The tips of the toes may be white. Nail color may vary from black to transparent. Solid black, solid liver or any area of white except as specified on the chest, tips of the toes, chin and muzzle are disqualifications.

## **Gait**

Lively and graceful, covering the maximum ground with minimum effort. Always in motion, seemingly never tiring, he shows ease of movement rather than hard driving action. He single tracks at a fast gait, the legs both front and rear converging toward the centerline of gravity of the dog. Viewed from the side he exhibits full extension of both fore and hindquarters. The backline should remain firm and level, parallel to the line of motion. His natural tendency is to move in a circle, rather than a straight line. Padding, hackneying, weaving, crabbing and similar movement faults are to be penalized according to the degree with which they interfere with the ability of the dog to work.

## **Temperament**

In his relationship with humans he is observant and vigilant with strangers, but not apprehensive. He does not show fear or shyness. He does not show viciousness by unwarranted or unprovoked attack. He must be approachable, standing his ground and showing confidence to meet overtures without himself making them. With those he knows well, he is most affectionate and friendly, zealous for their attention and very possessive.

## **Faults**

Any deviation from these specifications is a fault. In determining whether a fault is minor, serious, or major, these two factors should be used as a guide:

1. The extent to which it deviates from the standard.
2. The extent to which such deviation would actually affect the working ability of the dog.

## **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

***Males under 23 inches or over 26½ inches or females under 21 inches or over 24½ inches.***

***Hanging ears, as on a hound.***

***An undershot bite such that there is a complete loss of contact by all the incisors.***

***A cropped or stump tail.***

***Solid black, solid liver or any area of white except as specified on the chest, tips of the toes, chin, and muzzle.***

# USE OF RAMPS: A CLARIFICATION

By PETER GAETA & DARRELL HAYES

## Background

The appropriate place to examine dogs is designated by each parent club and AKC does not pre-empt their authority in this regard.

Current lists of table and ramp breeds may be found on the AKC website.

## Table Breeds

Designated table breeds must be examined on an examination table. When re-examining them, they must be placed back on the table. No other breeds may be examined or otherwise considered during judging on an examination table

## Ramp Breeds

Designated ramp breeds may be examined on the ground or on a ramp according to the sole discretion of the judge and not the exhibitor. The entire entry in that breed is to be examined one place or the other.

## All Other Breeds

Breeds not designated as either table or ramp breeds may only be examined on the ground. Whippets may be examined on the ground, on a table or on a ramp.

## Emergencies

In emergency situations, with the approval of the Show Chair, breeds customarily examined on the ground may be examined on a ramp, not on a table. An emergency is defined as a temporary condition that arose immediately prior to or at

a dog show. Convalescence from a medical procedure, illness and recuperation from injuries are examples of conditions that are not emergencies. The emergency use of a ramp may be allowed on a day and may be extended to include a cluster.

When a ramp is used for non ramp breeds in an emergency, the superintendent is to post appropriate signs at the ring and at the superintendent's office that must include notice that exhibitors are entitled to a refund of their entry fee. Field Staff is directed to report all instances of the emergency use of a ramp to Events and Judging Operations. If there is need thereafter, (the following weekend for example), as in the past, a formal accommodation must be requested from our legal department.

AKC complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and wants to provide to all the opportunity to participate in its events. However, according to the "Fitness to Judge Policy" as published in the Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges, approved May, 2007, "It is essential that a dog show judge be physically capable of performing the functions necessary to properly judge dogs." A judge must have:

- The flexibility to examine all parts of a dog's anatomy where each breed is presented (i.e. on the ground, on a ramp or on a table).
- The capability of measuring or weighing a dog and examining on the ground, table or ramp where applicable.

## TABLE & RAMP BREEDS

### TABLE BREEDS

**Breeds to be Judged on a Table at AKC shows are:**

#### SPORTING

AMERICAN COCKER SPANIEL  
ENGLISH COCKER SPANIELS

#### HOUNDS

BASENJI  
ALL BEAGLES  
ALL DACHSHUNDS  
PETIT BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN  
WHIPPET (OPTIONAL)

#### WORKING

NO WORKING DOGS ARE EXAMINED ON THE TABLE

#### TERRIERS

AUSTRALIAN TERRIERS  
BEDLINGTON TERRIER  
BORDER TERRIER  
CAIRN TERRIER  
DANDIE DINMONT TERRIER

FOX TERRIER (SMOOTH & WIRE)  
GLEN OF IMAAL TERRIER  
LAKELAND TERRIER  
MANCHESTER TERRIER  
MINIATURE BULL TERRIER (OPTIONAL)  
MINIATURE SCHNAUZER  
NORFOLK TERRIER  
NORWICH TERRIER  
STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER  
PARSON RUSSELL TERRIER  
SCOTTISH TERRIER  
SEALYHAM TERRIER  
SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER  
WELSH TERRIER  
WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER

#### TOYS

ALL TOY BREEDS

#### NON-SPORTING

AMERICAN ESKIMO (ALL VARIETIES)  
BICHON FRISE  
BOSTON TERRIER  
FRENCH BULLDOG  
LHASA APSO  
LOWCHEN

MINIATURE POODLE  
SCHIPPERKE  
SHIBA INU  
TIBETAN TERRIER  
TIBETAN SPANIEL

#### HERDING

CARDIGAN WELSH CORGI  
PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI  
PULI  
SHETLAND SHEEPDOG  
SWEDISH VALLHUND

### RAMP BREEDS

**Breeds Permitted to be Judged on a Ramp:**

BASSET HOUNDS  
BULLDOGS  
CHOW CHOWS  
CLUMBER SPANIELS  
KERRY BLUE TERRIERS  
KEESHONDEN  
POLISH LOWLAND SHEEPDOGS  
SUSSEX SPANIELS  
STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER  
WHIPPET

## Meet the AKC Dog Show Judges Divisions Staff

### SUSAN JUDGE, PROJECT MANAGER



Susan Judge was born in Washington, DC and grew up in suburban Maryland as the only child of a 3rd grade school teacher and a carpenter. She received her first purebred puppy, a beagle named Barney, for her 13th birthday.

Susan earned her BS degree in Marketing & Business from the University of Maryland and has worked in a wide range of industries over 29 years. As a manager of a record store and then as a buyer/analyst for a large Metro DC video chain, she was able to incorporate her interest in music & movies. She also owned and operated a rock concert photography mail order business, utilizing her love of photography. Susan later worked as a quote analyst for a telecommunications company, an Operations Manager for the IBM contract at a technical contracting firm, Project Analyst for a national call center, and Administration Manager for a Property Management company. Susan's love of math seems to follow her everywhere, and she is often found using algebraic formulas in everyday life (yes, that is possible) or working on a sudoku puzzle. Susan loves cycling, including commuting by bike to work when the weather cooperates, and she has completed a Century ride on the Eastern Maryland shore every October since 1992.

Susan began with AKC in 2002 and loves working for a company whose focus is something she cares about: dogs. As Project Manager, she creates the Field Rep schedules, manages expenses and the budget, administers the AKC Registered Handlers Program, other assorted projects, and chaired the AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day committee its first three years.

Susan lives with her partner, Karen, their two Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Wally & Casey, and tabby cat, Louie. PWCs continue to be the most intriguing breed to Susan, and she enjoys their intelligence and personality and training them to do useful tasks around the house, such as recycling or herding the cat.

Her pet peeve is untrained dogs and untrained children.

## FROM THE AMERICAN CHINESE CRESTED CLUB, INC. —————

There seems to be some confusion among judges as to how a correct Chinese Crested tail should be carried. The standard states this about carriage: "When in motion, the tail is carried gaily and may be carried slightly forward over the back." Both the Standard book as well as Spira's "Canine Terminology", define a gay tail carriage as "A tail carried over the horizontal level of the back." This means that the tail of the Chinese Crested should be carried, while in motion, anywhere between horizontal and vertical. A "slightly" forward of vertical carriage is also acceptable. But note the word "slightly". A tail carried over the back in a tight curl, or laying flat or almost flat over the back is not technically correct according to the standard. A tail trailing out behind and level with the back should not be penalized in any way, nor should tails carried in a curl over the back and much beyond the vertical be rewarded.



Susan Miller  
President, American Chinese Crested Club, Inc.

# YORKSHIRE TERRIER BREED STANDARD

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## Colors

Puppies are born black and tan and are normally darker in body color, showing an intermingling of black hair in the tan until they are matured. Color of hair on body and richness of tan on head and legs are of prime importance in adult dogs, to which the following color requirements apply:

**Blue:** Is a dark steel-blue, not a silver-blue and not mingled with fawn, bronzy or black hairs.

**Tan:** All tan hair is darker at the roots than in the middle, shading to still lighter tan at the tips. There should be no sooty or black hair intermingled with any of the tan.

## Color on Body

The blue extends over the body from back of neck to root of tail. Hair on tail is a darker blue, especially at end of tail.

## Headfall

A rich golden tan, deeper in color at sides of head, at ear roots and on the muzzle, with ears a deep rich tan. Tan color should not extend down on back of neck.

## Chest and Legs

A bright, rich tan, not extending above the elbow on the forelegs nor above the stifle on the hind legs.

## Weight

Must not exceed seven pounds.

## DISQUALIFICATIONS:

*Any solid color or combination of colors other than blue and tan as described above. Any white markings other than a small white spot on the forechest that does not exceed 1 inch at its longest dimension.*

# FROM THE BASSET HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA

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The Basset Hound Club of America (BHCA) is concerned at the growing number of judges that continue to ignore this Parent Club's strongly suggested use of a ramp when judging the Basset Hound. While the American Kennel Club currently states that it is at the discretion of the judge, the BHCA Parent Club and most exhibitors would prefer that the Basset Hound be judged on a standard ramp available from any AKC-licensed superintendent in both class and group competition.

It is our considered opinion that by making use of a ramp to judge the Basset Hound, the judge is able to actually see the hound better and at more of an eye level. Further, by use of the ramp, a judge is able to do a more thorough examination of the shoulder, topline, teeth, elbows, ribcage, feet and sternum, not to mention checking the front legs for knuckling (a disqualifying fault),

without having to kneel, stoop or bend as much. Exhibitors are used to the ramp as BHCA national, regional and local specialty organizations all make use of ramps during their shows. It is a benefit to the judge, the spectator, the exhibitor and the hound.

We respectfully request that you begin and/or continue the use of a standard ramp when judging the Basset Hound at all-breed and specialty shows.

Our gratitude for your efforts on behalf of the BHCA is expressed in advance.

Sincerely,

Barbara Brandt, Corresponding Secretary  
Basset Hound Club of America  
Tel#: 907-346-1849

## A LETTER FROM THE KEESHOND CLUB OF AMERICA

Whenever judging the Keeshond, it is important to remember: "The Keeshond is to be shown in a natural state with trimming permissible only on feet, pasterns, hocks, and –if desired– whiskers. TRIMMING OTHER THAN AS DESCRIBED TO BE SEVERELY PENALIZED."

High quality dogs with correct natural coats should be given the appropriate class, breed, group and best in show wins. Scissors are not necessary to create the typical Keeshond silhouette when correct structure and coat type are present.

If you have any questions regarding the judging of the Keeshond breed please feel free to contact our Judges Education Chair, Tawn Sinclair. Her e-mail address is [tawnsinclr@aol.com](mailto:tawnsinclr@aol.com)

and her phone number is (858) 335-6394.

It is the breeder's responsibility to show correct Keeshonden to you, the judges. It is ultimately your responsibility to tell the exhibitors when they have failed to present a correctly structured and coated example of the breed. Scissor work on the body of the Keeshond is at all times considered to be incorrect.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Holly Wisner  
President, Keeshond Club of America

# CHECK BAD ATTITUDES AT THE DOOR

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By LEE HERR, EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Judging is a privilege, and the MAJORITY of Dog Show Judges have pleasing demeanors and display pleasant, patient, and professional attitudes while Judging. Exhibitors pay for a Judge's opinion; not a bad attitude or unnecessary unpleasant treatment.

One of the most frequent and emotional complaints received by the AKC REP at Shows is from exhibitors expressing their dissatisfaction with what they perceive as rude & disrespectful treatment they received from a Judge that day.

It is not uncommon for exhibitors, both new & seasoned, to describe their treatment as disrespectful, demeaning, humiliating, mean and just plain rude. The majority of these are directed at Judges seemingly just having a bad day. These complaints rank

higher in quantity than dissatisfaction with the quality of Judging, condition of the Showgrounds and even inadequate grooming space. These complaints are usually preceded by: "I have no problem with which dog the Judge put up...but I resent and object to the way I was treated".

Furthermore, it is a major contributing factor with new exhibitors becoming disgruntled, disillusioned and leaving the sport sooner than ever. Without keeping new exhibitors, the Sport cannot thrive. A little patience & understanding goes a long way!

If you are having a bad day...show some restraint. If you don't enjoy Judging anymore you would be well advised to take a break and let Judges who enjoy the experience be true Ambassadors of the Sport.

# JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP – “TO TABLE, OR NOT TO TABLE, THAT IS THE QUESTION”

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(DEALING WITH THE JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP EXHIBITOR AND THE WHIPPET)

By MARY DUKES, AKC EXECUTIVE FIELD REP

Recently I have been disturbed by a Junior Showmanship judging procedure I am seeing with some regularity. This involves a small junior, typically in the Junior (9-11 years) classes handling a Whippet and being asked by the JS judge to place the dog on the judging table for examination.

Many judges may not be aware that the Whippet is currently the only breed wherein it is correct for the judge to examine either on the table, the ramp OR the ground. [NOTE: This certainly applies to breed judging also and most Whippet exhibitors will tell you that they prefer having their dogs examined on the ramp if asked...] 30 years ago when I began in the breed, Whippets were virtually NEVER tabled for examination. Somehow over the past 30 years, we have seen a gradual progression to the point now in which Whippets are rarely examined anywhere except the table. Considering that males can be up to 22.5 inches and 45+ pounds I am not sure how this 'tabling' phenomenon occurred but nonetheless it now seems to be standard practice.

Whippets are often used by junior exhibitors as they are very tractable, are low maintenance and typically will oblige their young handler without too much fuss in the ring. This becomes problematic when you are judging a small child handling a Whippet in Junior Showmanship and are faced with the predicament of asking that child to put the dog (who may be nearly as large as the child...) on the table for examination. First off, it is not physically possible for some, if not most, of the smaller kids to lift the dog onto the table. Now, many Whippets will happily jump on to the examination table but then there is the issue of getting them off. When I was handling, I would permit a dog to jump on

to the table as long as we were showing outside on grass where the footing was safe. However, I would NEVER allow a dog to jump off of the table. It is simply unsafe for the animal. So, even if the child can encourage the dog to jump onto the table, it is dangerous to allow the dog to jump off of the table and you as a judge should not put the junior exhibitor in the position of having to do that. Secondly, if the junior does manage to get the dog on the table, many times this puts the child about eye level with the dog's legs. Not a position that is either safe for the dog or child, nor is it functional or attractive from a presentation standpoint.

The solution is simple. Request that the smaller juniors showing Whippets STACK THEIR DOGS ON THE GROUND FOR EXAMINATION! Since this is a breed in which it is absolutely acceptable to be examined on the ground, it shows questionable judgment on the part of the judge to require that these dogs be tabled and place the junior exhibitors and dogs in a potentially unsafe situation. REMEMBER THAT THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD AND DOG IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY! I would also suggest that if you elect to judge the Whippets on the ground in one class that you continue to examine them on the ground for the balance of the classes. This will eliminate any perception of favoritism and allow all exhibitors to have been judged on a level playing field.

In most judging situations, common sense should rule the day, particularly when it involves the safety of the dogs and/or exhibitors. And do remember that if at any time you have questions or problems during your assignment, don't hesitate to call for the Field Rep to provide guidance or clarification.

# NATIONAL SPECIALTIES AND JUDGES BREED STUDY GROUPS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2007

	Dates	Location	Judges Breed Study Group	Contact for Seminars
<b>SPORTING GROUP</b>				
Chesapeake Bay Retriever	September 10-14	Colorado Springs, CO	Yes	Dyane Baldwin; 4308 Mannsville Rd., Newport, PA 17074; 717-582-4997; pondholo@pa.net
English Springer Spaniel	Sept. 29-October 7	Lexington, KY		Tony Vasquez; tonyvasquez@disney.com
German Wirehaired Pointer	Oct. 26- November 3	Whittington, IL		Michelle Boyd; (618) 664-2250; jboyd@gcctv.com
Golden Retriever	September 15-22	Everett, WA	Yes	Carole Hatchel; kirosgoldens@comcast.net
Gordon Setter	October 9-12	Oconomowoc, WI	Yes	Ainslie Mills 604-882-0820, oriana@telus.net Lisa D. Summers; (440) 352-0578; ncmgordons@aol.com
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever	October 4-7	Syracuse, NY	Yes	Peggy Park; 765-288-7960; jpparklake@aol.com
Pointer	September 11-14	Carlisle, PA		Karin Ashe; kasha@starpower.net
Sussex Spaniel	September 21	Shelton, WA	Yes	Marcia Deugan; 26400 Morton Ave., Bonita Springs, FL 34135; 239-947-2426; ZIYADAHreg@aol.com
Vizsla	October 17-20	Omaha, NE		Dr. Sylvia J. Kerr; sylvia.kerr@uchsc.edu
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon	September 21	Shelton, WA	Yes	Linda J. Gagnon; PO Box 981, Wendell, MA 01379; 978-544-8933; wetacres@net1plus.com
<b>HOUND GROUP</b>				
Basset Hound	October 8-13	Pittsburgh, PA	Yes	Kitty Steidel; ksteidel@aol.com; www.basset-bhca.org
Greyhound	September 26	Geneva, NY		Donna Drake; dugancd@aol.com
Otterhound	October 19-22	Pleasanton, CA	Yes	Dani Edgerton; (330) 533-6576; daniedgerton@cs.com Arlene Smith, 293 Lynn Lane, Chicago Heights, IL 60411; 708-756-7405; arlynebearsden@aol.com www.otterhound.org
<b>WORKING GROUP</b>				
Akita	October 30-November 3	Ft. Mitchell, KY		Sylvia Thomas; 951-684-8230; ChiheisenAkitas@cs.com
Alaskan Malamute	October 19	Oconomowoc, WI	Yes	Nancy C. Russell; 601 Big Horn Dr., Walsenburg, CO 81089; 719-738-5710; stormcloud@hughes.net
Anatolian Shepherd Dog	September 22-24	Gray Summit, MO	Yes	Laura Edstrom-Smith; stlmagnolia@adelphia.net
Bullmastiff	September 25-30	Asheville, NC		http://clubs.akc.org/aba/
Doberman Pinscher	October 1-6	Fitchburg, MA		www.dpca.org
Giant Schnauzer	September 19-22	Carlisle, PA	Yes	Steve Fox; robert.fox@ge.com; (502) 558-4730
Great Dane	October 25-27	Lancaster, PA	Yes	Jane Treiber; PO Box 15, Curtis, WA 98538; 360-245-3481
Komondor	September 7	Des Moines, IA	Yes	John Landis, 2451 Wassergass Road, Hellertown, PA 18055; 610-838-998; http://clubs.akc.org/kca
Portuguese Water Dog	September 29-October 5	Ventura, CA		Elizabeth Trainor; 25 Lovett Rd., Oxford, MA 01540; 508-987-2110; efrainor20@cs.com
St Bernard	September 21-23	Oxford, OH		Joan Zielinsky; 29625 144th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98042; 253-631-1352; joan@stoans.com
Samoyed	September 13-15	Lancaster, PA		Larry Mackai; 952-881-5080; larrymackai@comcast.net; www.sca2007nats.com/
Siberian Husky	October 30-November 3	Rohnert Park, CA	Yes	Phyllis Brayton; 209-983-2251
<b>TERRIER GROUP</b>				
Airedale Terrier	October 5	Newark, OH		April Clyde; 302-542-3033
Border Terrier	September 17-22	Albany, OR	Yes	Phil Freilich, 925-522-8040; http://clubs.akc.org/btcoa/
<b>TOY GROUP</b>				
Italian Greyhound	October 20-24	Newnan, GA		Rick Weyrich; jrweyrich@yahoo.com
Pug	September 23-29	East Harrisburg, PA	Yes	Charlotte Patterson, ivanwold@gnt.net, Donnelle Richards, donnellerichards@verizon.net
<b>NON-SPORTING GROUP</b>				
French Bulldog	September 5-8	Northglenn, CO	Yes	Virginia Rowland; 978-424-1044; blackslate@aol.com
Lhasa Apso	October 22- 26	Houston, TX	Yes	Pat Keen, 925-567-8676
<b>HERDING GROUP</b>				
Australian Cattle Dog	September 22-28	Arlington, WA	Yes	Patti Salladay; 503-344-7265; www.acdca2007.com
Bearded Collie	October 1-6	Frederick, VA		Carl Widell; 34621 Ranch Dr., Brownsville, OR 97327; 541-466-5303
Border Collie	October 15-21	Gray Summit, MO	Yes	Linn Klingel, 651-130-9091; spottedk9@aol.com
Bouvier des Flandres	September 29-October 5	Rockford, IL	Yes	Lee Calhoun, 8151 Hwy 193, Garden Valley, CA 95633; 530-333-1016; frontier@mindsync.com
Briard	September 29, October 7	Richfield, OH	Yes	Meg Weitz; mwweitz@aol.com
Canaan Dog	September 5-10	Owensville, OH	Yes	Cynthia Grupp; 2367 Soda Canyon Road, Napa, CA 94558; 707-226-3353; canaandog@aol.com
Old English Sheepdog	September 25-29	Frankenmuth, MI	Yes	Nancy Shaffer Smith; 406-446-4116, 316-619-7933; pinafore@att.net
Pembroke Welsh Corgi	September 22-29	Providence, RI	Yes	Marilyn Van Vleit; 503-581-5144; mvanvleit@farmersagent.com
Swedish Vallhund	November 2	Tulsa, OK		Rose Martino; 401 Dale Rd., Millersville, MD 21108; (410) 987-5233; Mary Carter; 9206 Meadowheath Dr., Austin, TX 78729; (512) 331-6103

# APPLICATIONS, INTERVIEWS AND EVALUATIONS

By SUE VROOM, AKC EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

## APPLICATIONS

### Ringside Mentoring

It seems that January 07 has brought about some unease in understanding the application process. For one, the educational qualifications have been raised to ten, rather than the previous eight making for increased component opportunities. The deletion of the In-Ring Observation and the addition of Ring-Side Observations have created some concern among the judging community. This option has always been available; it now has a form to accompany the experience. As a former breeder, I am relieved to see that the responsibility of mentoring in one's breed has been placed back into the hands of the parent club and its membership where it rightly belongs. The concern has been that approved mentors will a) not take the time to avail themselves at shows and b) would rather exhibit than offer any sort of tutoring session. However, a mentor certainly may avail himself for mentorship prior to exhibiting in the class he is entered in. One may also seek out an exhibitor/breeder ringside and at the conclusion of the day's judging discuss the breed and have the opportunity to examine multiple dogs at that person's set-up and/or make an appointment to visit his kennel to see various stages of development in puppies and adolescents. I don't know of anyone given the opportunity to talk about his breed who is not interested in sharing experience and knowledge. We are all passionate about what we spent time owning, breeding and showing. As far as conflicting or incorrect information that may be imparted by a mentor who appears to have a somewhat skewed idea of standard interpretation, I believe that we as adults are sophisticated enough to filter information as to its validity. We have been doing that most of our lives.

In seeking knowledge about the nuances of correct breed type, input from breeders is the strongest avenue of information. The added component opportunities on the additional-breed application gives the breeder/exhibitor a chance to be a part of the solution to what he has been complaining about in judge evaluations; lack of adequate understanding of correct breed type. Don't tell me that we have not at times all been guilty of noticing an Observer in a ring with a judge that we would not give an entry to in our own breed, and wonder what on earth they could be learning.

There are a fair amount of judges who are still active in

their own breed and breed club. The thing that you may be complaining about could be the very part you can help with. Avail yourself to mentor your breed at a show where you will be attending or even judging. Send an email to someone you know who is applying for your breed and offer to meet them at a show that you know will have a decent entry. Call a fellow breeder and see if they would be willing to sit out a major entry and you'll take a show too.

In the event that the policy pertaining to the Ringside Observation has not yet been explained to you, the following applies:

- Observer may observe with parent club approved mentors or breeders with a minimum of 12 years experience breeding, exhibiting, or judging the breed in conformation.
- Mentors may participate only up to the class they are exhibiting in except at National or Regional Specialties where formal ringside mentoring is organized by the host club.
- There must be adequate entries for the breeds observed. Smaller entries may require more Observations.
- A minimum of 3 Ringside Observations for each breed requested including at least 2 major entries.
- Judges may observe at shows where they are judging and may act as a mentor at shows where they are judging.

I also really like the idea of the added opportunity for credit in attending Field Trials and Earthdog tests for some of these breeds. Obviously, this applies to the Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Herding and only a handful of others but still a valuable lesson in observing form and function. Credit for this will be given for attendance and participation in events that include the breed the applicant is applying for.

## INTERVIEWS

The bullets on the letter you receive from Judging Operations are there for a reason. Expect to discuss them at the interview.

Tip: When applying for multiple breeds, an organized method of discussing them would be to categorize breeds according to similarities of type or even origin and function; Arctic, Retrieving, etc. Not only does this help the memory, it makes for a more cohesive presentation.

Don't expect to have to recite the standards word for word; do expect to give an oral interpretation of the essence of the

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breed and key features of unique type characteristics.

If you are applying for any breed with a disqualification of height or weight, you will take a wicket and/or scale test. This is not a demonstration by the Rep; it's a test to make certain you are able to administer each competently and correctly.

## EVALUATIONS

When you are judging your provisional breeds, do not forget to check in with the Rep the morning of the show, even if you have sent in your letter requesting regular status. Let him or her know what number assignment it is, if you have had an Evaluation, and on what breeds. It's helpful for the Rep to know where you are in the process. Be in charge of your own destiny. If you have not had an Evaluation in the last year or more, and expect to apply for additional breeds in the future, please request an Evaluation; especially if the opportunity presents itself in a major entry where quality is anticipated. When applying for

new breeds, current Evaluations are vitally necessary for consideration.

The Evaluation form has space for comments by you as well. Take advantage of the opportunity to critique the entry; your placements and the assessment priorities. You may or may not concur with the Rep's comments; add your own account of how you saw it.

## Use the AKC Website

The website contains information and the answers to many of the questions the Reps and the Judging Operations Dept. receive daily. The Online Services will lead you to the Judge's Directory, which will give prompts to help you find applications, questionnaires, and seminars. It also contains descriptions of qualification criterion for any and all creditable educational experience you may claim for the application purpose.

## JUST A LITTLE EASIER!!

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By KATIE RUDOLPH

Is the AKC website difficult to navigate? For judges and prospective judges life just got a little easier. To access all four judging departments; Conformation, Obedience, Performance and Coonhounds, use the following path:

- **AKC Website:** [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)
- **Events tab** (Located at the top of the home page)
- **Judges** (Listed under "More Links" on the left side of the page.)

This will take you to the main page for all Judging Departments (Conformation, Companion, Performance and Coonhound) and includes contact information for your convenience.

Using the sidebar menu, you are able to access **Types of Judges**. From "Types of Judges" you will see links to department specific information, more information for the judge's online directory, educational materials, field representative information, seminars and study guides. Parent Club Breed Mentors will be added soon.

You can also access any AKC downloadable forms/applications with ease by using the Downloadable Forms link on the left side menu bar of the Events tab page or by typing Downloadable Forms in the Search box giving you several links. Note: Conformation judging applications are at the very bottom.

Please check this out the next time you are browsing [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

Enjoy all the information accessible to you at the AKC website!

## JUST THE FAQ'S

By SUSAN JUDGE

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**Question:** I co-own a dog and would like it to compete in Agility and Rally on the same day that I am judging conformation. Is this permitted?

**Answer:** The dog may compete in Agility and Rally the day before or the day after you judge, but NOT on the same day.

**Question:** What are the restrictions, if any, for Judges to ring steward?

**Answer:** If you are asked to steward, do so only after you have competed your entire judging assignment.



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