



Judges Newsletter

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UPDATE ON THE NEW APPLICATION SYSTEM

The December Judges Newsletter contained an article explaining the new judging application process adopted by the Board of Directors last October. In response to questions about the process for new breed judges, we are providing the following clarification.

One major change in the process is that there will be only one interview conducted. Applicants may interview with any Field Rep at any show that is convenient. Following years of encouraging relationships between judges and their local Reps, we still believe that, although it is not required, establishing a relationship with your local Rep is the most mutually beneficial approach. Your local Rep can serve as an excellent resource for advice and counsel not only during the application process but throughout your judging career as well. Another option provided under the new system is that you may come into the Raleigh office to be interviewed by the Director of Judging Operations. Bear in mind, however, that the interview itself does not guarantee automatic acceptance of the breeds discussed.

Following the interview your application is submitted to the

Board of Directors for approval. Once approved, you will receive the appropriate breed test(s) — and upon successful completion of the tests — granted provisional status. Failing a test results in a three-month hold on the application, and all missed questions must be reviewed with a Field Rep before continuing the process.

In the last several months, Judging Operations has been studying alternative methods of managing the Staff and Field Staff voting procedure. Again, you are encouraged to establish a relationship with your local Field Rep to help ensure that you are fairly represented in the voting procedure. All new breed judges are voted on by the entire Field Staff, while approved breed judges are voted on only by those Reps who have observed and/or interviewed them; however, the Field Staff is provided an opportunity for open discussion to ensure well-informed recommendations to the Board.

Other components of the new application process are under further review by a committee of Board members and office staff, and we will keep you informed of any changes. ■

Judging Operations New Associate Director

At the end of August 1999 Janet Ford assumed her new position as Associate Director Judging Operations Department. One of Janet's responsibilities is to work with judges in the implementation of the new application process. Janet began working at the American Kennel Club in February 1974.

Janet has spent most of her 26 years at the AKC working in the Judges Department. She started with John Mandeville and Bill Schmick, and the Conformation Field Reps. Janet then continued in the same area working for the VP of Dog Events, and VP for Registration respectively. In 1983, she worked with VP of Dog Events, Terry Stacy, and later became his Administrative Assistant. Janet was closely involved with Show Plans and Records, along with the

scheduling of conformation field reps to cover shows.



Janet Ford, Associate Director of Judging Operations

In 1996 Janet became more involved in the daily operation of the Judges Department.

Before relocating to the Raleigh office in 1997 with her husband Jim Dearing (retired VP Obedience) and their Cairn Terrier Lexi, Janet worked with Ron Rella, Rose Triolo, and Dennis Sprung. In North Carolina she continues to work with Darrell Hayes and Mari-Beth O'Neill and many other transplants from the New York office. Before her promotion Janet was the Manager of the Judging Operations Department.

Janet has been a positive force at the American Kennel Club. She is knowledgeable, hard working, and humorous. She looks forward to the challenges of this new position.

Janet can be reached at (919) 854-0191 or JPF@akc.org. ■

Attacked = Disqualification

The question arises regularly about the difference between an excusal for menacing or threatening behavior and a disqualification for attacking.

Could you have been bitten and you were not attacked? Could you be attacked without having been bitten? The answer to both of these questions is YES. Perhaps you reached to take bait from the handler and your hand got in the way, or a dog lunged at you but you were able to step out of its reach before it made contact. You will make the determination at the time whether you excuse or disqualify. Based on your decision, you mark the Judge's book accordingly, enter reason for excusal or disqualification, and initial.

The following may assist you in your decision to excuse or disqualify.

Excusal: A dog that in your opinion menaces or exhibits some sign that you may not safely approach it and examine it in a normal manner is to be excused, and the book marked "excused threatened." (See

chapter 11, Section 8A of the Rules).

Disqualifications: A dog that in your opinion actually attacks you or any other person in the ring, a dog, in other words, that does more than simply act in menacing or threatening manner, is to be disqualified. No one needs to actually be bitten for there to have been an attack. Whatever action is taken, to excuse or to disqualify, it is essential to make clear to the exhibitor what action you are taking and mark the Judge's Book accordingly. When disqualifying, it is essential to use the word "attack."

Remember that if the dog is being disqualified for attacking, you must tell the handler that the dog is not eligible to be shown again, as this is a one-time disqualification. You will need to complete the Disqualification Form for attacking and submit it to the Superintendent or Show Secretary.

If you ever have a question about

correct procedure, you should call for the Field Rep.

Observing: An Educational Experience

of the available educational experiences in preparation for judging a new breed.

To be eligible to observe, the following criteria must be met:

- may observe only under judges who have been approved for the specific breed(s) for a minimum of five years, or approved breeder judges of 10 or more years' experience in the breed(s).

(You will have to do your homework to determine if the individual under whom you would like to observe fits the requirements. The Field Staff are a good resource to seek advice from, as well as contacting the Parent Club. Some Parent Clubs will provide a list of breeder judges.)

- must have permission of the Show Chairman and the adjudicating judge.
- must wear an "Observer" badge while in the ring.
- must limit observation to two hours

under any one judge.

- must properly complete an observation form and present it to the adjudicating judge for signature and any voluntary comments. All observation forms should accompany the additional breed application.

In-Ring Observation Forms may be obtained from a Field Representative or by request from the Judging Operations Department.

Judges may observe at a show where they are officiating, however, they must not observe a breed one day and then judge that breed the following day. An 'Observer' must be a regularly approved judge.

Observing is a very good educational tool. We are particularly pleased to see individuals continuing to take advantage of opportunities by observing in a breed even after having been granted approval to judge it. After all, learning is an ongoing process!

The new Additional Breed Judge Application Process once again includes In-Ring Observing as one

Alternative Method for Application for the Multi-Group Judge

This method of application is available to those individuals who have regular status in three or more complete groups. The first feedback received was that many judges were pleased with the “fast track program.” We would like to clarify this, because as you review the requirements for this application method it will become apparent that in actuality it may take longer to apply under this system than the regular system. What this system allows is for the applicant to present the application to the staff and the board in the form of a written synopsis outlining background and educational preparation to judge the breeds requested, and a lengthy interview on all the breeds requested, rather than completing all the forms of the current application process. Additionally, it allows the applicant to apply for up to one group. It does not allow individuals to apply for more than 13 breeds in more than one group.

Prior to submitting the written request the following criteria must have been met:

The applicant must:

- Have regular status in three or more groups
- Have judged the most recently approved breeds at least 10 times following granting of Regular status
- Must have positive reports on file from a minimum of 10 Field Representatives.
- Must have background educational prerequisites on file.

The staff of the Judging Operations department will review the synopsis upon receipt. The application will then be forwarded to the Field Staff; a minimum two thirds vote to support the application is required from those who have observed the applicant judge to allow the application to continue. The Judging Operations Staff will schedule an interview with either two members of the Field Staff or one member of the Field Staff and one representative from the Judging Operations Department. The applicant will relate breed knowledge and essential breed characteristics to the staff during the interview. Each interviewer will submit a recommendation for the applicant. The Staff's recommendation is then forwarded to the Board for final approval. Breed standard tests will be mailed with the letter of acceptance from the Board.

Applicants successfully completing the breed standard tests will be notified in writing and granted provisional status. Applicants may not accept assignments until they have received official notification of provisional status. Upon completion of five provisional assignments in each breed and having been observed three times by different Field Representatives, the judge notifies Judging Operations, in writing, requesting regular status.

Judges Contract with Club

When a club hires judges, AKC requires a written contract to confirm the agreement and the specific assignment.

The AKC also states in the Show Trial Manual that any changes to this contract must be agreed upon and confirmed in writing. If certain breeds are critical to you (for example, provisional breeds) it is worthwhile to note this on your contract. Today, by using fax machines and e-mail, this correspondence can be accomplished easily and quickly. Too often, however, changes are made to the assignment by the show chairman and not communicated to the judge. This is contrary to the Rules, Chapter 7 Section 7. Provisional breeds may be given to another judge, breeds may be assigned for which there are previous commitments, or breeds may simply be given to another judge. A myriad of unpleasant scenarios are possible.

Should this happen to you, (usually noticed when you receive the Premium List) contact the Show Chairman immediately. A contract is a binding agreement, and clubs must be given the opportunity to make corrections or to negotiate a new agreement. It's important to remember that the contract is a private matter between you and the club. The AKC does not get involved in contract disputes between judges and clubs.

The AKC can, however, contact the club on behalf of the judge if given sufficient notification by the judge. We can remind a club of its obligation to honor a contract and request to see a contract. A phone call is usually sufficient to initiate a desired change.

Once entries have closed and a judging program has been printed, however, it is very difficult to change assignments. Consideration must, after all, be given to the exhibitors.

Moral of the story - make sure you have a written contract; check your assignments when you receive the Premium List, not when you receive the Judging Program.

The Mentoring Program

A joint board and staff committee met following the January Board meeting to discuss and review the new judging approval process, with emphasis on the development of the mentoring program. In the on-going work on this project, all Parent Clubs and Judges' Groups will receive a mailing requesting their input.

At the present time judges are advised to continue to seek mentoring experiences as they have previously. The staff is in the

process of developing forms for the mentor as well as the judge who has sought mentoring, to provide additional information for the development of the mentoring program. Forms will be available by contacting the Judging Operations Department.

The development of the more formal mentoring program is considered to be a work in progress. The committee would appreciate any thoughts or ideas that you would like to submit pertaining to the development of this program.

1999 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

*** Sanctioned by the Parent Club****SPORTING*****Pointer**

June 8 — Brooklyn Center, MN
 Contact Marjorie Martorella; (732) 446-2315; e-mail: marjetta@worldnet.att.net.

***Retriever, Chesapeake Bay**

August 30 -Sept. 2 — Lexington, KY
 Contact Dyane Baldwin; (717) 582-4997; e-mail: pondholo@igateway.com.

***Retriever, Flat-Coated**

May 14 -21 — Lexington, KY
 Contact Ann Yuhaz, (440) 248-5365.

***Retriever, Labrador**

October 12 & 13 — Seattle, WA
 Contact Marianne Foote, (925) 447-8513.

***Setter, English**

June 5 — Escondido, CA
 Contact Sandi McCue, (916) 722-2090.

***Setter, Gordon**

June 7 -9 — Farmington, MN
 Contact Loree Ragano, (815) 344-1447.

***Setter, Irish**

June 23 & 24 — Escondido, CA
 Contact Larilynne McAteer; (914) 762-3782.

***Spaniel, Clumber**

April 11 & 12 — Indianapolis, IN
 Contact Dennis Fitzpatrick, (734) 426-7918.

***Viszla**

November 3 — Waterbury, CT
 Contact Sylvia Kerr; (303) 759-2474; e-mail: sylvia.kerr@uchsc.edu.

***Weimaraner**

May 19 — St. Louis, MO
 Contact Dana Massey; (254) 299-8659; e-mail: dsm@mcc.cc.tx.us

HOUND***Basenji**

September 19-24 — Indianapolis, IN
 Contact Lucretia Dye; (513) 231-2009.

***Basset Hound**

September 29 — Eureka, MO
 Contact Col. Robert Booth, 210 Wiesner Rd. #2, Spring Branch, TX 78070; (830) 885-2532.

***Beagle**

March 21 — Fort Worth, TX
 Contact Dr. Judith Musladin, 23245 Hutchinson Rd., Los Gatos, CA 95033; (408) 353-2825.

***Bloodhound**

September 22 — Carlisle, PA
 Contact Anne Schettig, (814) 886-2371.

***Norwegian Elkhound**

May 3 -5 — Frederick, MD
 Contact Marlene Oliver, (507) 387-3950; e-mail: peergynt@juno.com.

***Scottish Deerhound**

May 11 - 14 — Merrimac, WI
 Contact Betty Rosen, (330) 935-2519; e-mail: Rebar70@aol.com.

***Whippet**

April 14 & 15 — Greensburg, WI
 Contact Mary Beth Arthur, day (414) 229-4354; e-mail: marial@execpc.com.

WORKING***Akita**

November 3 — Frederick, MD
 Contact Sylvia Thomas, 2155 Hackamore Place, Riverside, CA 92506; (909) 684-8230.

***Boxer**

May 7 — Frederick, MD
 Contact Stephanie Abraham; Box 346, Toleration Rd, Scotland, CT 06264; (860) 423-7484.

***Great Pyrenees**

April 22 — Sacramento, CA
 Contact Whitney Coombs, PO Box 3395, Gettysburg, PA 17325; (717) 359-9459.

***Komondor**

August 17 — Greeley, CO
 Contact John Landis, (610) 838-9983.

***Kuvasz**

June 1 — Portland, WA
 Contact Sue Thomas; (616) 964-2525.

WORKING***Mastiff**

May 13 — Oklahoma City, OK
 Contact Jessica Watson; (817) 295-3733; e-mail: metalrep@aplink.net.

***Newfoundland**

May 4 & 5 — Warwick, RI
 Contact Margaret Johnson, 447 Little Brook Road, Gen Gardner, NJ 08826; (908) 832-0548; e-mail: margetjohnson@att.com.

***Rotweiler**

May 28 & 29 — Petaluma, CA
 Contact Lunda Michels; (734) 449-8708; e-mail: lmichels@usa.net.

***Saint Bernard**

October 5 — N. Lake Tahoe, CA
 Contact Gloria Wallin; (817) 481-7732.

***Siberian Husky**

October 27 & 28 — St. Louis, MO
 Contact Phyllis Brayton, (209) 838-2251.

***Standard Schnauzer**

July 9 — West Springfield, MA
 Contact Madeleine Fish; (860) 388-9270.

TERRIER***Kerry Blue Terrier**

July 8 — Hamburg, NY
 Contact Edith Izant; (562) 691-3450.

***Manchester Terrier**

September 8 — Slidell, LA
 Contact JoAnn Emerick, (713) 477-4264.

***Staffordshire Bull Terrier**

June 23 — Long Beach, CA
 Contact Kim Washington, (310) 264-3546.

TOY***Cavalier King Charles Spaniel**

May 4 — Allentown, PA
 Contact Robert Schroll; (931) 648-3398.

***Havanese**

September 24 & 25 — Cypress, CA
 Contact Diane Klumb; (540) 463-1681.

***Japanese Chin**

April 21 — Columbus, OH
 Contact Richard Camacho, (909) 984-0812.

REMINDER:

**2000
 National Specialty Listings
 on the Web**

TOY***Maltese**

May 6 — Las Vegas, NV
Contact Vicki Abbott; (972) 562-1200.

***Pekingese**

June 3 — Dearborn, MI
Contact William Blair; (212) 688-5145.

***Pug**

November 1-4 — Carlisle, PA
Contact Charlotte Patterson, (850) 837-2657.

***Shih Tzu**

June 1 — St. Louis, MO
Contact Bonnie Guggenheim, (813) 684-3473.

***Silky Terrier**

June 29 — Orlando, FL
Contact Peggy Smith, (415) 383-1326.

NON-SPORTING***Chinese Shar-Pei**

May 26 — Orlando, FL
Contact Laren Kleinhans, (217) 546-8329.

***Dalmatian**

June 10 -14 — French Lick, IN
Contact Eva Berg, (925) 376-0136.

***Finnish Spitz**

September 21 — Helena, MT
Contact Richard Yates, 110 Knots Landing, Macon, GA 31210; (912) 471-7857.

***Keeshond**

May 25 — Beaverton, OR
Contact Joan Czarnyszka; (602) 249-2775; or Judi James, (503) 370-8109; e-mail: judjam@open.org.

***Lhasa Apso**

June 24 — Pomona, CA
Contact Don Hanson, (360) 491-6095.

***Schipperke**

April 4 — Wichita, KS
Contact Marilyn Keating, 4370 Tara Lake Dr., Fulton, MO 65251; e-mail: tkeating@kits.com.

***Poodle**

June 13 — Upper Marlboro, MD
Contact Doris Cozart; (972) 962-3113.

HERDING***Australian Cattle Dog**

September 19 — Greeley, CO
Contact Kim Emberly; (815) 225-7540; e-mail: avacado@hotmail.com.

***Australian Shepherd**

March 28 — Bakersfield, CA
Contact Pam Levin, (805) 684-2459.

***Bearded Collie**

October 10 -16 — Oconomowoc, WI
Contact Chris Walkowicz, (309) 754-8723.

***Belgian Tervuren**

April 7 — Atlanta, GA
Contact Richard Lewis, (509) 697-6032.

***Canaan Dog**

June 15 & 16 — Asheville, NC
Contact Cynthia Grupp, (707) 226-3353.

***Cardigan Welsh Corgi**

April 21 — Lancaster, PA
Contact Andrea Georgi, (908) 284-2772; e-mail: andreag@eclipse.net.

***Collie**

March 21 — Wichita, KS
Contact Joan Graber (608) 836-1076.

***German Shepherd Dog**

November 1 — Columbus, OH
Contact Ginny Altman, (615) 481-0704; e-mail: ginialtman@aol.com.

***Shetland Sheepdog**

March 29 — King of Prussia, PA
Contact Janet Fink, 1785 Castro Dr. San Jose, CA 95130; (408) 379-5737.

***Welsh Corgi, Pembroke**

September 15 — Carlisle, PA
Contact Maragret G. Thomas, 14 Sutcliffe Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010; (413) 245-7013.

MULTI-BREED**Multi-Breed**

March 18 & 19 — Kansas City, MO
Contact Judith Goodinm (913) 727-1966; fax: (913) 682-3666.

Multi-Breed

March 24 & 25 — Fort Worth, TX
Contact Barbara Shaw, 322 Russell Ln., Dennison, TX 75021; (903) 463-1335; ourgang1@airmail.net, or Joe Purkhiser; (972) 442-6372; e-mail: jpurk@airmail.net.

MULTI-BREED CON'T**Multi-Breed**

March 24 - 26 — Edison, NJ
Contact Marjorie Martorella, (732) 446-2315; e-mail: marjetta@att.net.

Multi-Breed

April 13 & 14 — Perry, GA
Contact Ann Hearn, (770) 945-5555; fax: (770) 954-6431; e-mail: annhearn@worldnet.att.net.

Multi-Breed

April 14 & 15 — Harrisburg, PA
Contact Laurie Stone; (717) 528-7247; e-mail: stonemyst@netrax.net.

Multi-Terrier

April 20 — West Friendship, MD
Contact Molly Wilder; (703) 471-2834; e-mail: wilder1md@aol.com.

Multi-Terrier

June 16 — Grayslake, IL
Contact Marcia Feld; (847) 362-4237; e-mail: mfeld@prodigy.net.

Multi-Breed

July 1 & 2 — Brighton, CO
Contact Monica Canestrini, 4145 Carr Street, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033; (303) 423-0698.

INSTITUTES**AKC Judges Institutes**

June 4 - 9 — Lancaster, PA

July 30 - August 4 — Portland, OR

Advanced Sporting Breed Institute

October 9 - 13, Lancaster, PA

Contact Karen Reuter, 5580 Centerview Dr., Raleigh, NC 27606-3390; (919) 854-0195; e-mail: kar@akc.org.

SYMPOSIUM**"What you need to know about Judging - Preparation and Procedure"**

March 24 — Raleigh, NC
April 14 — Harrisburg, PA
July 21 — Houston, TX

Contact Karen Reuter, 5580 Centerview Dr., Raleigh, NC 27606-3390; (919) 854-0195; e-mail: kar@akc.org.

Letter from the Akita Club of America



The Akita Club of America has asked us to print the following statement:

"In order to clarify any confusion caused by the breed split in the FCI countries, the Akita Club of America, Inc (ACA) wishes to remind judges that there is only one Akita breed and one AKC approved Akita Standard by which the dogs may be judged at AKC shows.

In July 1999, the ACA conducted a straw poll to determine if there was interest in splitting the breed into American and Japanese types. A majority of 57% voted to have the Akita remain as one breed in the US."

What You Should or Shouldn't Do!

The following questions have been asked by members of the judging community. We would like to make this a regular article in the Judges Newsletter, and invite you to submit any questions or unusual circumstances to mbo@akc.org.

A dog is entered in two classes, each class having competition. The dog wins both classes and is then awarded Winners. Who is called in for reserve?

The second place dogs from both classes are eligible to compete for Reserve.

Upon examination of a dog, it is discovered there is a gold crown on a tooth. What should the judge do?

The dog should be disqualified, change of appearance, Chapter 11, Section 8 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. The judge should note "disqualified" with the reason in the judge's book. The judge should also complete the Change of Appearance form to be submitted with the judge's book. The dog in question is not eligible to compete at future events.

As a coordinator of programs for a Judges Workshop Group you are contacting individuals to give a presentation. In speaking to one person he/she states that he would be able to do the seminar if he were hired to judge at the shows in conjunction with the presentation. Is this considered soliciting?

Yes, this is considered soliciting and if reported to the Judging Operations Department, there will be an investigation and disciplinary action will be taken if warranted.

You have just judged the Bred by Exhibitor class, marked the book and awarded the ribbons. The handler of the first place dog says, Oh no, this is my American Bred dog.

What do you do?

The dog in question is eligible to compete in the American Bred Class, as this is the class in which it is correctly entered. Make a notation in the Judges Book that the dog was exhibited in the wrong class as reported by the handler. When the Winners Class is called there is not a winner of the Bred-by-Exhibitor

New Breed - Spinone Italiano

September 27, 2000: the Spinone Italiano will be accepted into the Sporting group. A Judges Guide is being developed for this breed and will be mailed to All-Breed and Sporting Group Judges.

In April 2000, individuals who are currently approved to judge this group will receive automatic approval for the breed to facilitate the processing of judging panels for events to be held after September 2000. In July of 2000, these judges will also receive an open book breed standard test for completion and return to AKC.

Members of the fancy who feel they have significant background in the breed may apply to judge under the adjunct system. Examples of "significant background" would be: a) if you have owned, bred or handled this breed, b) if you have judged the Parent Club National specialty or a Rare Breed Association match with multiple entries.

Those who qualify to apply under the adjunct system may do so by requesting an adjunct application from Judging Operations in NC at (919) 854-0189. The application should be completed and returned no later than May 15, 2000 in order to arrange an interview prior to June 15th 2000.

Adjunct applications will be presented to the Board of Directors at its JULY 2000

meeting for final consideration. If accepted, judges must take and pass the open book breed standard test prior to being granted provisional status. New breed judges must also take and pass anatomy and procedural exams.

Judges accepted for the balance of the Sporting Group prior to July 15th 2000 must take and pass the breed standard test and will automatically receive provisional status in conjunction with the remaining breeds in the group.

Any judge who misses the adjunct system deadline of May 15th may apply to judge this breed under the current application process. ■



The Spinone Italiano

Moving Around- by Anne Savory-Bolus

So many judges are currently surprised to arrive at a dog show and discover that the Field Rep. assigned to that event is not the person that they expected. Let me explain why this scenario is becoming more frequent and the reasons for the "moving around" syndrome. Many judges, especially those in their first few years of judging, tend to be hired in their own locales or regions. This is natural, expected and very common. These judges are recognized names and perhaps they may even belong to local kennel clubs. Also, many clubs hire provisional judges to help get them started which is very commendable. If such a person had several assignments in his/her own area, then he/she would always be observed by the local Field Rep.. This could become a drawback later when that judge applies for additional breeds because we Field Reps. can only vote on those judges we have observed. In this instance,

there would be only one Field Rep. who could vote. This would hardly be fair or meaningful. So, we Field Reps. are now being "moved around" the country and our schedules provide us the opportunity of travelling to another area to observe judges and work with different clubs at least once a month.

In order to ensure that all provisional judges are observed sufficiently, you may also note that many shows are "double covered" by 2 Field Reps. and at large shows with spacious grounds and several show buildings as well as several provisional judges, you may even see 3 of us. Its all part of the Judging Operations plan to accommodate and help you.

So, for those of you who have wondered and asked "Oh, I expected so and so would be here" and "Why 2 Field Reps. at this show?" I hope these explanations will help you to understand why. It also helps us as Field Reps. to get



to meet more of you and better understand where you are all coming from as well as what your aspirations for the future may be. We hope you as judges will appreciate and enjoy the benefits this arrangement provides as much as we do as Field Staff.

Field Staff Who Were Judges:

Many members of the Field Staff were judges prior to joining the AKC staff and having to give up the privilege of judging. The 2000 Judges Directory has a list in the back of all AKC staff who were judges prior to coming to work for the AKC.

Current Conformation Field Reps who were approved judges are:

Walter Bebout
Harriette Borsuch
William Holbrook
Carol Hollands
Steve Hurt
Janice Luginsland
Florence Males
Allen Odum
Kay Radcliffe
Michael Sauve
John Wade

The Field Staff has extensive background in the fancy and in individual breeds. You are encouraged to utilize these wonderful resources for advice and guidance in your judging careers.

A Note of Thanks

**Marianne Foote, Judges Education Coordinator,
Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.**

To all judges
of Labrador Retrievers:

On behalf of the Standard Review Committee and the Officers and Directors of the The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc., I would like to thank each of the judges who took the time to make comments and return the questionnaire that was sent out in October 1999. We appreciate your interest and plan to use the information to improve our education program and to help us in our review of the Standard.



The Hock Bone's Connected to the ????? Bone!!!

Effective January 1, 2000, anatomy exams are being sent to all new breed applicants as part of the new breed requirements. The exam was developed by the Judges Education Department. The exam is open book and all the answers may be found in the glossary of the 19th Revised Edition of the AKC's The Complete Dog Book. New Breed applicants who do not pass the exam must meet with a field representative to discuss the missed questions, and no action is taken on their application for three months.

Beginning April 1, 2000, as part of AKC's ongoing educational program, the exam will be sent to all approved judges. These judges should return the exam within two months following receipt and any judge missing three or more questions will be advised by mail. Although it is not a requirement, judges should review missed questions with a field representative at any show where they have any assignment.

Moving????

It is the responsibility of all judges to notify the Judging Operations Department, (919) 854-0170 or e-mail: judgingops@akc.org of any changes of address, phone, fax, e-mail. These changes are important because they affect your judging records, the web site, and the Judges Directory.



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