



Judges Newsletter

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NEW AKC EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

John D. (Jack) White



Please join us in welcoming the newest addition to our Conformation Field Staff - John D. (Jack) White, Jr., of Bryn Mawr, PA. Jack began employment with AKC on February 25.

Jack has been involved in the sport for 45 years in a variety of capacities. He began his career as a professional handler and has bred Dobermans and Beagles. In 1978 he was granted approval to judge Beagles and since that time has acquired approval for the Hound Group, Dobermans, Boxers and Best in Show. Prior to joining AKC, he was also approved on a provisional basis for six other Working breeds.

In the early '70s, Jack was instrumental in helping form the Southern Maryland Kennel Club, where he served as President and Show Chair for five years. Today he is a member in good standing of Old Dominion Kennel Club, Wilmington Kennel Club, the National Beagle Club and the Doberman Pinscher Club of America.

Jack and his wife Toni will continue to reside in Bryn Mawr, PA with their Doberman, Lucy.

Conformation Judging Application Fee

At its November 2001 meeting the Board of Directors approved, effective March 1, 2002, a fee for Conformation judges' applications.

A fee of \$25 per breed should be submitted with all applications postmarked March 1, 2002 or after. Only checks and money orders will be accepted. Any application considered incomplete by Staff will be returned together with check/money order. However once an application has been processed (i.e. interview arranged and Board date scheduled) the fee will not be returned, regardless of the number of breeds accepted.

The following applications are affected:

New Breed Application (60 point or 12 -5 -4), Additional Breed Application, Alternative Method Application, Adjunct Application and Junior Showmanship Application.

AKC Judges Insurance

All AKC recognized judges are automatically enrolled. The policy covers up to \$1 million annually for each judge. The policy has no deductible and pays all defense and investigation costs in addition to the \$1 million limit. The insurance carrier, General Star Indemnity, has an A. M. Best Rating of "A++." The policy has been in effect since Jan. 1, 1999 and covers all AKC recognized judges while performing their judging duties at AKC approved events.

Advanced AKC Institutes

Linda More

On a sunny, warm afternoon in late January, a group of several dozen dog judges and AKC staff boarded two coach buses and toured out into the countryside Northwest of Atlanta, Georgia. Their destination was a large open field where they would see dogs of every AKC Sighthound breed lure coursing, in a demonstration of how each breed's make and shape influences its running style. Some of the top coursing hounds in the country – most of them dual titled with conformation championships as well as field titles – had been brought by their generous owners to help teach judges the relationship between form and function in the sighthound breeds. The particular importance of the sighthound's flexible loin was graphically illustrated.



This was the first AKC Advanced Sighthound Institute, originally scheduled for September, 2001 but postponed after the terrorist attacks. In the days following the field demonstration, the judges attended a presentation by George Bell on "The Form and Function of the Sighthounds", and individual breed presentations provided by representatives from the parent clubs. Each breed presentation was followed by a mentoring session with hands on experience with dogs. Many of the coursing dogs were present for the mentoring along with additional breed specimens.

The AKC Advanced Institutes have been developed to provide judges with a comprehensive picture of the breeds from every aspect, correlating each breed's type with its history and function. The demonstrations of the dogs in action, performing as they were bred to do, are an integral



part of each Advanced Institute – and are not only fun for the dogs but fascinating as well as instructive to the audience. The participation of all the dogs at the Institutes is evidence of their breeders' and owners' dedication to the integrity of their breeds and the quality of judging. AKC is awed by and grateful for the generosity of time and energy on the part of all the "dog bringers," without whom the Institutes could not succeed.

The first AKC Advanced Institute was held in October, 1998, in San Jose, California and featured the Sporting Group. It was a collaborative effort of both AKC and the Dog Judges Association of America (DJAA), and was so successful that the AKC Judges Education Department has since moved forward with additional Advanced Institutes. The first Advanced Herding Institute was held in Hillsboro, Oregon in September, 1999, with the different breeds' herding styles demonstrated on sheep and cattle. This was followed by a repeat of the Sporting in Pennsylvania in October of 2000. The first Advanced Working Institute took place in Massachusetts in November, 2001 and featured sledding and carting, a water rescue Newfie and videos of dogs working. The second Herding Institute was in March of this year in North Carolina. Coming later this year will be the first

Advanced Scenthound Institute in Leesburg, Virginia, October 20-23. The necessity of locating sites for the demonstrations makes finding suitable venues for these institutes an extra challenge.

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Additional information on any of the Institutes may be obtained from the AKC Judges Education Department, 919-816-3595, or kar@akc.org.



Advanced Herding Institute

The Advanced Herding Institute was conducted in Raleigh, North Carolina the week of March 25th-29th. The demonstration work, breed presentations and mentoring sessions with classes of dogs all took place at the North Carolina State Fair Grounds. The facilities allowed the scheduling to be a bit different from

the other Advanced Institutes in that it was possible to get to observe a couple of breeds demonstrate how they work to be followed by breed presentations and mentoring each morning and afternoon. The Demonstration work was coordinated by Carol Delsman, Director of the AKC Herding Program, who pointed out to the attendees each day the unique characteristics of each breed's form to function.

The Advanced Scent-hound Institute will be conducted October 20 -23 rd in Leesburg, Virginia. There are

still some openings for this event, if interested contact kar@akc.org, or 919-816-3695.



2002 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

* Sanctioned by the Parent Club

SPORTING***Brittany****May 18 — San Diego, CA**

Contact Jodi Engel, (541) 928-1087

***Pointer**May 30 — Gray Summit, MO
Contact Karin Ashe, (410) 343-1215; e-mail: kashe@starpower.net.***Pointer, German Shorthaired**May 25 — Austin, TX
Contact Janis McManigal, (909) 684-2920; e-mail: JimandeeGAP@cs.com***Retriever, Chesapeake Bay****Retriever**August 8 & 9 — Carlisle, PA
Contact Helen Szostak, (717) 582-4997.***Retriever, Flat-Coated**June 12 — Wheaton, IL
Contact Helen Szostak, (734) 454-0364; e-mail: Grousemoor@aol.com.***Setter, English**June 11 & 12 — Sturbridge, MA
Contact Sandi McCue, (916) 722-2090; e-mail: jsmccue@quicknet.com.***Setter, Irish**June 21 - 22 — Lexington, KY
Contact Karolynne McAteer, (914) 762-3782 evenings only; e-mail: kmcateer@galenpartners.com.***Spaniel Cocker**July 12 - 14 — San Antonio, TX
Contact Beth Speich, (608) 588-2950; bspeich@mhtc.net; or Wima Parker; (513) 759-0329; e-mail: wilmap@cinci.rr.com.***Spaniel, English Springer**August 1 - 3 — Olympia, WA
Contact Judith Anderson, (630) 983-8454.***Wirehaired Pointing Griffon**September 26-29 — Romulus, NY
Contact Elaine Hunsicker; (610) 648-9474; e-mail: Firesidegriffons@msn.com.**HOUND*****Beagle**September 30 - October 2 — Aldie, VA
Contact Kathy Forbes; (515) 278-5008.***Harrier**June 28 — San Juan Capistrano, CA
Contact Donna Smiley-Auborn, (760) 377-4758; e-mail: auborn@harriers.net.***Scottish Deerhound**July 25 — Lompoc, CA
Contact Rusty Kingery, (425) 557-9656.**WORKING*****Bernese Mt. Dog**May 18 & 19 — Wheeling, WV
Contact Deborah Mulvey, e-mail: VTBMd@aol.com.***Boxer**May 5 — Fontana, WI
Contact Stephanie Abraham, (860) 423-7484.***Great Pyrenees**May 28 — Frederick, MD
Contact Whitney Coombs, PO Box 3395, Gettysburg, PA 17325; (717) 359-9459.***Great Dane**May 31 — Northglenn, CO
Contact Giesla, (303) 688-8692.***Mastiff**May 17 — Portland, OR
Contact Jessica Watson, (817) 295-3733.***Siberian Husky**September 27 & 28 — Carlisle, PA
Contact Phyliss Brayton; (209) 828-2251.**SYMPOSIUM****"What you Need to Know About Judging - Preparation and Procedure"**August 23 — Lake Elmo, MN
September 13 — San Rafael, CA

Contact Karen Reuter, 5580 Centerview Dr., Raleigh, NC 27606-3390; (919) 816-3595; e-mail: kar@akc.org.

TERRIER***Border Terrier**June 19 — Los Angeles, CA
Contact Robert Naun, (845) 628-3059.***Multi Terrier****Border, Manchester, & Sealyham Terrier**June 14 — Grayslake, IL
Contact Marcia Feld, (847) 362-4237.***Multi Terrier**June 20 — Long Beach, CA
Contact Jerry Rozeman; (619) 692-3134, or Eve Steele; (323) 850-5075; e-mail: espag@aol.com; or Charlotte Le Vecque, (909) 862-3416; e-mail: crlevecque@eee.org.**TOY*****Affenpinscher**July 5 — Hamlin, NY
Contact Jerome Cushman, (716) 924-3500.***Cavalier King Charles Spaniel**May 3 — Bensalem, PA
Contact Elaine Lessig (908) 713-6205; e-mail: melessig@worldnet.att.net.***Chinese Crested**June 15 & 16 — Fife, WA
Contact J. Frank Bayliss, (540) 436-3169***Italian Greyhound**July 29 — Canfield, OH
Contact Audrey Sutton, (408) 867-0989.***Pug**September 12 — Indianapolis, IN
Contact Charlotte Patterson, (850) 837-2657; e-mail: ivanwold@gnt.net.***Shih Tzu**May 30 & 31 — St. Louis, MO
Contact Bonnie Guggenheim, (813) 684-3473; e-mail: guggie@aol.com.**INSTITUTES****Advanced Scenthound Institute**

October 20 - 24, Leesburg, VA

Contact Karen Reuter, 5580 Centerview Dr., Raleigh, NC 27606-3390; (919) 816-3595; e-mail: kar@akc.org.

Reminder:

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National Specialty Listings
is on the Web site

NON-SPORTING***Boston Terrier**

May 21-23 — Louisville, KY
Contact Roger Perry, (317) 823-0976.

***Chinese Shar-Pei**

May 17 — Brooklyn, MN
Contact Karen Kleinhans, (217) 498-6850.

***Chow Chow**

May 1 — Olympia, WA
Contact Carmen Blankenship, (972) 296-9642; e-mail: carmenblankenship@juno.com.

***French Bulldog**

September 16 — Salt Lake City, UT
Contact David Kruge, (206) 923-0349.

***Poodle**

June 11 — Upper Marlboro, MD
Contact Doris Cozart; (972) 962-3113; e-mail: dgcozart@msn.com.

***Tibetan Terrier**

May 16 & 17 — Neenah, WI
Contact Margaret Pankiewicz, (717) 235-6991; e-mail: malishar@email.msn.com.

HERDING***Australian Shepherd**

May 23 — Carson City, NV
Contact Nanette Newbury, (831) 663-3900; e-mail: ByDesign@aol.com

***Belgian Malinois**

June 7 — Gray Summit, MO
Contact Lisa Knock, (703) 426-0520.

***Belgian Tervuren**

May 24 — Silverdale, WA
Contact Patricia Weymouth, (714) 544-8459.

***Puli**

September 29 — Gray Summit, MO
Contact Susan McConnell, (650) 725-8786; e-mail: smcc@stanford.edu.

***Welsh Corgi, Pembroke**

September 15 — Hillsboro, OR
Contact Jan Edwards, (360) 428-2522; e-mail: Jeesheltn@aol.com.

MULTI-BREED**All Toy Seminar**

May 17-19 — Oklahoma City, OK
Contact Dr. Roger S. Pritchard, 310 S Sooner Rd., Midwest City, OK 73110; (405) 832-1873; fax: (405) 736-9275; e-mail: rogerakc@aol.com.

Multi-Breed Seminar

July 3 - Amsterdam, Holland
Contact Robert Stein, (702) 450-6012.

Multi-Breed Seminar

July 3 — Hamlin, NY
Contact Rita Bell, (716) 337-3319; Charida@aol.com.

Multi-Breed Seminar

July 13 — San Antonio, TX
Contact Helen Brisco, (830) 995-5165; e-mail: halemoss@hctc.net.

All Sporting Breed Seminar

September 12 & 13 — Tyler, TX
Contact Dr. Don Gill, (905) 533-1311; e-mail: gagill@tyler.net; or Dr. Carl White- Moser; (903) 567-4470.

Temperament in the Belgian Malinois

Comments from the American Belgian Malinois Club - Jim Moses, President & Lisa Knock, Judges Education Chair:

The members of the American Belgian Malinois Club have been working diligently to ensure the maintenance of correct temperament in the Belgian Malinois, and we are sincerely grateful to those AKC judges who reward sound temperament in their overall evaluation of our dogs. We are aware that temperament is perceived by some judges as an issue in the Malinois, however, when faulty temperament is overlooked, or even worse, rewarded, it sets our efforts back immeasurably. Sound, correct Malinois temperament can range from bold and friendly to aloof and reserved. This is true for puppies as well as adults. Good temperament starts with heredity. Socialization, bonding, and training will enhance good temperament. Poor temperament usually will remain constant regardless of efforts to improve it.

Evidenced by the inquiries our members have received, there is a marked acceleration in the already increasing popularity of the breed. While the issues of increasing size and "coarseness," and the associated loss of elegance and type must be serious

concerns in conformation judging, sound temperament is the cornerstone of the ability of all Malinois to fit into American society as companions and working partners, accomplishing what many of them will be asked to do in the coming months and years.

We would like to take this opportunity to review the temperament aspects of the AKC standard for our breed, which states (emphasis added): "Correct temperament is essential to the working character of the Belgian Malinois. The breed is confident, exhibiting neither shyness nor aggressiveness in new situations. The dog may be reserved with strangers but is affectionate with his own people. He is naturally protective of his owner's person and property without being overly aggressive. The Belgian Malinois possesses a strong desire to work and is quick and responsive to commands from his owner. Faulty temperament is strongly penalized."

Our annotated standard, used in our Judges' Education presentations, continues, in part: "in the show ring the Malinois should be confident when approached. However, he is not expected to make overtures to the judge. He must

be accepting of friendly strangers even though he does not necessarily solicit their attention. Malinois, which shy away from the judge or resist examination, must be penalized. This fault, which may be rooted in a lack of training, poor socialization, poor bonding, or genetically poor character, presents a negative impression of the breed and such an individual should be given no merit."

When judging the Malinois, the dog should present as active, alert, and aware. We recommend that a judge approach the dog confidently from the front, avoiding eye contact. Dogs that approach you and seem to greet you usually have great temperament; dogs that back up or slink/sink are fearful and lack confidence. Aloof or reserved, if not fearful, should not be penalized. Puppies can be playful or inattentive. Judge them as a work in progress, but a puppy that exhibits shyness, growls, or hides behind the handler should never be rewarded.

If you would like to further discuss temperament, or any other aspect of judging the Malinois, please contact the Judges Education Chair, Lisa M. Knock, at trisortsknock@erols.com, or (703) 426-0520.

Moderate, What does it mean??

At the recent Advanced Sight Hound Institute, a discussion of how moderate is defined became part of each breed presentation. Moderate is a term that is used in many breed standards and extensively in the Sight Hound Standards. Individual breed representatives had very clear opinions in their mind as to how the term was to be defined for their breed. It became apparent that the interpretation of this term may be varied dependant upon the breed and or its use within the standard.

Funk and Wagnall defines moderate: "1. Keeping or kept within reasonable limits, temperate. 2. Holding or characterized by ideas or convictions that are not extreme or radical. 3. Of medium or average quality, quantity, scope, extent, etc."

After several days of discussion, moderate became the M word. Attendees were challenged to define moderate. Creative individuals who were willing to put pen to paper in their attempts to seek greater comprehension of moderate submitted the following:

M ouths
O pen
D o
E ars
R etain
A sses
T ruly
E xasperate

Moderate appears numerous times in Hound Standards.

Moderate is a mediocre word.

Moderate is a monotonous word.

Moderate should never apply to Dangles.

Along with the term moderate, the term medium is used in numerous standards. For example, the Doberman is a dog of medium size, The Bernese Mountain Dog neck is described as strong, muscular, and of medium length. The Siberian Husky is a medium-sized working dog. The American Staffordshire head is described as medium length, the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier is a medium-sized dog, the Whippet is a medium sized sight hound. It is apparent, that as with the term moderate it is necessary to delve deeper into the interpretation of the term as it pertains to the breed in which it is used.

We are interested in your thoughts and interpretations of these terms. In some cases the terms may be a reference point or comparison to other breeds. Submit your thoughts and interpretations to be shared in a future Judge's Newsletter to judgetsed@akc.org.

Observing



OBSERVER

Some reminders about observing. It is your responsibility to establish if the person under whom you wish to observe is eligible. The judge must either be a breeder judge who has obtained regular status or a judge who has been judging the breed for a minimum of five years. It is recommended that you contact the Parent Club Judges Education Chairman to obtain all materials the club has developed. Many Parent clubs have developed lists of mentors that would provide background information. It is also necessary to get permission in advance from the judge as well as the Show Chairman.

It is necessary to submit an observation report with the application for this to count as one of the enriching components. Observation forms are available from the Judging Operations Department, 919-816-3570 or judgingops@akc.org.

Observers are also reminded that they are expected to dress appropriately, just as they would if they were the assigned judge. Exhibitors and other judges have commented negatively on in-ring observers wearing overly casual or even sloppy clothing.

FYI

Below is the text of a memo which is being sent to all clubs from the Show Operations Department.



Show-giving clubs are requested to provide each judge, scheduled to officiate at their show, contact information to be used in the event the judge experiences an unexpected delay in arriving at the show site on the day of the show. Such information should include a cell phone number for the show chairman or assistant show chairman. Making this information available will assist clubs in making decisions whether or not to delay judging or have an emergency change of judge.

We recommend that this information be included, not only in the judge's contract, but also on any subsequent correspondence from the club.

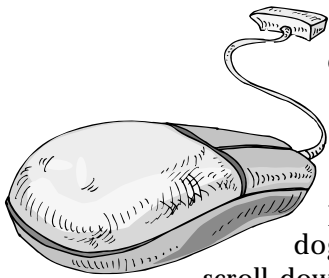
Junior Judging

In the last issue there was an article on the Judging of Juniors, which created several questions. Apologies for not explaining the intent clearly. The first question was about the necessity to know breed standard disqualifications that might be necessary to know about during examination technique, or how the Junior is able to present these features to the judge. This refers to the breeds that either require full dentition or have a breed standard disqualification for missing teeth; in this instance the Junior handling one of these breeds should be prepared to show the judge the dog's mouth during the examination of the dog. The other breed standard reference would be in breeds where the pigment of the mouth or tongue is described in the standard. Juniors handling these breeds need to be able to show the judge the dog's mouth so the judge can observe the tongue or pigment as described in the standard. This was never meant to refer to breed standard disqualifications for height or weight.

Additionally, you are reminded that dogs may be exhibited in Juniors that are eligible to be shown in Obedience and Agility, these dogs may be neutered or spayed and may have breed standard disqualifications. Reminder, the intent of Junior Showmanship is to judge the presentation of the dog, not the dog itself.



Visiting Judges- Website



As of January 2002, visiting judges are now listed on the AKC Website's Searchable Judges Directory.

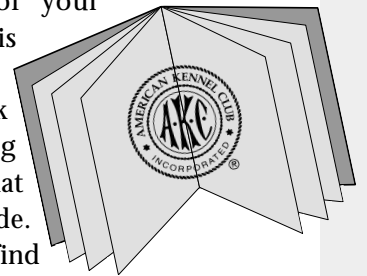
To find this information from the AKC website home page (www.akc.org) go to the dog events drop down, then scroll down to judges and slide over to the directory and double click.

Currently the searchable judges' directory reflects the contact information and breed eligibility from the judges' record. The visiting judges should work in the same manner; however, they are only searchable by name or number. The searchable judges' directory will not work on visiting judges if the breed or country option is used.

Please be advised this information is published as an accommodation for show giving clubs and regrettably AKC cannot be responsible for the accuracy of the contact or breed eligibility information.

Judges Books

Reminder, you, the judge, are solely responsible for your Judges book being returned to the Superintendent at the completion of your assignment. It is requested that you review your book prior to submitting for any errors that may have been made. If you happen to find an error after you have left the show it is requested that you submit the corrected information to the Event Records Department, Maria Robinson, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606.



New Breed Standard Format

The breed standard printing and packaging has been revised. The breed standards are being printed in a 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 size page, which is catalog size. The pages are pre-punched to fit a three ring binder. The same colors will continue to be used to differentiate between the groups. A notebook with an AKC logo on the front and pockets on the inside cover is available to carry the standards.

The new standards may be ordered by calling 919-233-9767 or on the Web at www.akc.org

Each group packet will cost \$3.00

The binder \$7.95

A complete set of all-7 groups, miscellaneous breeds and binder may be purchased for \$29.95.

AKC Raleigh Phone Numbers:

Effective January 1, 2002 the phone numbers for the Raleigh office have been revised to have the same exchange. The following are the phone numbers:

Judging Operations:

Darrell Hayes	919-816-3592
Janet Ford	919-816-3591
Ines Maldonado	919-816-3570

Judges Education:

Mari-Beth O'Neill	919-816-3594
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