

## DOG SHOW JUDGES HIRES TWO NEW EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVES



*JAMES S. COVEY*

The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce that James S. Covey joined the Executive Field Staff on January 8, 2007.

For more than 35 years, Covey has been an active participant in the Sport of Purebred Dogs. In his early teens he worked at an Irish Setter breeding kennel, showing his first dogs in the late 1960s. He went on to breed and exhibit his own English Cocker Spaniels and Norfolk Terriers, having bred and handled a number of champions in both, including an English Cocker Spaniel Club of America National Specialty winner.

He was an AKC Licensed Apprentice Handler from 1968 until 1972 and became an AKC Licensed Handler in 1976, handling mostly sporting breeds. He professionally handled purebred dogs, until he became an AKC judge in 1980. He was approved to judge the Sporting Group, Norfolk and Norwich Terriers, and Best in Show.

Besides 26 years as an AKC judge, Covey's background also includes extensive club affiliations. He is a past president and was most recently a board member and chairman of the judges' selection committee for the Troy Kennel Club in New York State. He is also a past director of the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America.

Covey currently lives in Upstate New York with his partner of 26 years and a few Norfolk Terriers. He will be relocating to the Portland, Oregon area.

He will leave his Upstate New York-based court reporting business after 22 years of service to the Greene County area.



*ANNE KATONA*

The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce effective March 5, 2007 Mrs. Anne Katona, of Morgan Hill, CA joined the Executive Field Staff and will cover shows in the Northern California area.

For over 35 years, Mrs. Katona has been an active participant in the Sport of Purebred Dogs. She grew up in a family involved with Arabian Horses, Jack Russell and Boston Terriers. Using the Tyrella prefix from the early 1970's, Tyrella Kerry Blue Terriers have multiple Bests in Show, numerous Specialty wins and multiple Terrier Groups and placements throughout the United States and Canada.

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## JUDGES NEWSLETTER NAME CONTEST

We are very proud of the new look of the Judges' Newsletter. Now we want a NEW name and ask for your help.

If you would like to submit your suggestion, please email or fax your suggestion to Judging Operations, attention Amanda Abel [aga2@akc.org](mailto:aga2@akc.org) or (919) 816-4225. A staff committee will select five names to be published in the Summer issue for your faxed or emailed vote. The new name will be published in the Fall issue. The winning contestant will receive a five year subscription to the AKC Gazette AND a full set of Breed DVDs.

## WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF JUDGING DOGS

By MRS. JEAN FOURNIER

Whether one is a seasoned judge of many years or a "first timer" . . . it is always wise to revisit the procedures, purpose and overall performance of the entire process of judging all breeds of dogs. It is our responsibility to do the best job possible in this wonderful, fascinating and chosen sport.

Let's assume from the beginning that you have done all the homework by officially accepting the assignment with a signed contract, including breed assignments. Before the big day arrives, you should have thoroughly studied the breed standard in depth. Arrive at least one-half hour before judging times, and locate your ring. It is YOUR responsibility to check in with the superintendent and the AKC Representative. They should not have to play hunt and seek just to know that you are on the premises. The Rep. and Superintendent are your best friends, so utilize their expertise.

Go to your ring at least 15 minutes BEFORE judging begins. Introduce yourself to the steward and speak briefly on your chosen patterns, absentees, move-ups, etc. Also, check out the conditions of your ring . . . especially at outdoor shows in order to choose the best judging procedure for

the dogs and you. Situations like facing the sun, under tent judging, etc., should be evaluated before judging begins. However, brief changes may be made throughout the day due to weather conditions.

I highly recommend the following procedures which are followed by many efficient judges. ALWAYS JUDGE DOGS IN CATALOG ORDER!!!! This prevents overlooking a dog, marking incorrect numbers in your judge's book and confusing both the exhibitors and spectators. Judging should not be a "guessing game" for any ringside observers! A quick glance at the judge's book is a further necessity for changes, double entries, etc. Do not treat your steward like "hired help" as he/she is your support system. Be up front with your approach and cover all bases in a very friendly manner. Just consider him/her your partner for the day. Judging dogs is a most pleasurable experience so enjoy it! It is also a privilege and not a given reward or due process just because we own or breed dogs.

### **JUDGING THE CLASSES**

Bring the first class into the ring . . . check off armbands in your book and mark absentees. If someone asks to go to the end of the line, let them, but be aware of the armband number by jotting

it down. The most efficient ring pattern, in my opinion, is:

After the class is in the ring, walk to the opposite side and observe their profiles and breed attributes.

Now take the entire class around the ring one time (or more but don't overdo it). This takes the "kinks" out of dogs and handlers and gives you an overview of movement.

Thoroughly examine the dog by the breed standard only. Do not begin judging without the breed standard available and open for easy review. You must consult it on anything you question. This is truly not looked upon as "not knowing the standard"! On the contrary, it demonstrates that you want to judge this breed correctly and to the best of your ability.

Be friendly to dogs and exhibitors. Don't appear hesitant, afraid or insecure about each examination. You are the one in charge!!!!!!

Move the dogs down and back on the diagonal. Take advantage of the longest route to assess movement. Do not use triangles as they take too much time and are clumsy and outdated.

Send each dog around to the end.

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## 2006 APPROVAL STATISTICS

By PETER GAETA

In 2006, Judging Operations processed 486 New Breed and Additional Breed applications for 2529 breeds. 125 (97%) of 129 New Breed applicants met the high American Kennel Club standards and were fully approved for all breeds requested. Four applicants were limited or denied a total of 12 breeds.

There were 357 Additional Breed applicants meeting the requirements for 2284 breeds and presented to the Staff Committee. 282 (79%) were approved for all breeds requested. 2067 (90%) of the breeds requested were granted. In other terms, only 21% of the Additional Breed applicants were limited or denied. Only 10% of the breeds applied for and meeting requirements were limited. Most of the breeds limited were on applications for nine or more, and most of those applicants limited were granted at least eight. The overwhelming majority of judge applicants are getting everything they prepare for, and most of the rest of the applicants are getting nearly all that they prepare for.

While the approval policy is not perfect, it is working well. Few applicants demonstrate the proficiency to qualify for 14 breeds on an application. Fewer, if any, consistently demonstrate that proficiency from application to application. Since only 21% of Additional Breed applicants are limited at all, and they are only limited 10% of what they apply for, it would seem that there are no surprises, and the system provides for the advancement of judges at about the same rate they develop and demonstrate proficiency.

The high uniform standards and requirements to qualify for the breeds combined with the observation/evaluation process during the practicum provisional period are effectively promoting competent Additional Breed applicants.

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

**At the January 2007 Board Meeting, an amendment was made to the Judging Conflict of Interest Policy, which now states:**

No AKC judge may have a significant interest in a dog registry or dog event-governing organization deemed by the AKC Board to be in competition with The American Kennel Club. Significant interest would include, but not be limited to ownership of, employment by, a directorship in, and holding office in. This means that any AKC approved judge may judge any breed (even AKC approved breeds) for any registry or event-governing body. It remains essential, as it has always, to report outside assignments to AKC to avoid conflict.

## NATIONAL JUDGES ORGANIZATIONS

*Following is a list of organizations who have submitted contact information.*

*An updated list will be published each Spring.*

### **American Dog Show Judges**

Carl Liepmann, Secretary, 9144 W Mt. Morris Rd., Flushing MI 48433-9243 [Cen06886@centurytell.net](mailto:Cen06886@centurytell.net)

### **Senior Conformation Judges Association, Inc**

Wally Pede, CEO, 4200 Tanager St., Springfield, VA 22150-3533, (703) 451-5656 [scja@cox.net](mailto:scja@cox.net)

### **The Dog Judges Association of America, Inc.**

Karen Wilson, Secretary, 3290 Emerald Hill Rd, Sperryville, VA 22740 [gkarengary@aol.com](mailto:gkarengary@aol.com)

### **Canadian Dog Judges Association**

Barbara Watt, Secretary, 3501 Cedar Hill Road, Victoria, BC. V8P 3Z2 [plawsworth@shaw.ca](mailto:plawsworth@shaw.ca), [www.dogjudge.com](http://www.dogjudge.com)

### **California Dog Judge Association (CIEDJA)**

Dr. E. Carolyn Hensley, Director, P.O. Box 249, Norco, CA 92860. Telephone 213-369-0781. [ciedja-ch@earthlink.net](mailto:ciedja-ch@earthlink.net)

# 2007 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

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## SPORTING

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**TX Dallas — March 24, 2007**

"American Cocker Spaniel", by Barbara Shaw, "Clumber Spaniel", by Jane Bonnacorsco, "Field Spaniel", by Nancy Clendenen, "English Springer Spaniel", by Nancy Johnson, "Irish Water Spaniel", by Elizabeth Weaver Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association in conjunction with Fort Worth Kennel Club and Texas Kennel Club. Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com;

**KY Ft. Mitchell — April 21, 2007**

"German Shorthaired Pointer Judges Education Seminar, Hands-On Workshop and Ringside Mentoring" Sponsored by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America. Contact Betsy Yates; 1462 Sedgefield Dr., New Albany, OH 43054; (614) 855-3517; byates@insight.rr.com

**NM Albuquerque — April 21, 2007**

"Ins and Outs of Pedigree Analysis, Genetic Diversity and Genetic Disease Control", by Dr. Jerold S. Bell, DVM Sponsored by the Sporting Dog Fanciers of New Mexico. Contact Sherry Siegel; PO Box 535, Los Lunas, NM 87031; (505) 866-0417; gem1nii@msn.com;

**NJ Somerset — April 21-22, 2007**

"Breeding Better Dogs That Win." Two Day Seminar by Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia Sponsored by the Mid-Jersey Labrador Retriever Club. Contact Andrea Robertson; (908) 996-4611; andrear@prd.net;

**FL Ocala — April 27-28, 2007**

"Irish Setter Judges Education Seminar" sponsored by the Irish Setter Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty. Contact Lorraine W. Bisso; 405 Rosa Ave., Matairie, LA 70005; (504) 833-1780; regel@bellsouth.net;

**UT Salt Lake City— May 16, 2007**

"Clumber Spaniel Judges Education Seminar" Sponsored by the Clumber Spaniel Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Jane Bonaccorso; (541) 955-0254; jetsetdogs@charter.net

**PA Mars — May 24, 2007**

"Judges Education Seminar -The Weimaraner" Sponsored by the Weimaraner Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty. Contact Cheryl Lent; (860) 280-5539; libertyweim@hotmail.com

**MD Frederick— June 26, 2007**

"The English Cocker Spaniel" by Mary Ann Alston Sponsored by the Mason-Dixon Dog Judges Association; Contact Al Ferruggiaro; (301) 421-1930; alf198@yahoo.com

**NM Albuquerque — July 14, 2007**

"Canine Reproduction Seminar", by Dr. Robert Van Hutchison Sponsored by the Sporting Dog Fanciers of New Mexico. Contact Sherry Siegel; PO Box 535, Los Lunas, NM 87031; (505) 866-0417; gem1nii@msn.com

**WA Everett – September 21, 2007**

"National Specialty Judges Education Seminar and Workshop", Sponsored by the Golden Retriever Club of America. Contact Ainslie Mills, oriana@telus.net or (604) 882-0820.

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## HOUNDS

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**KY Louisville — March 14-18, 2007**

"Graduate Institute On All The Hound Breeds" Sponsored by the American Canine Education Foundation. Contact Lt. Col. Wallace H. Pede; (703) 451-5656; Nina Sherrer; nina@k9education.org; www.k9education.org

**KY Louisville — March 16, 2007**

"Ibizan Hound Judges Education Seminar" Sponsored by the Ibizan Hound Club of the US. Contact Lisa Puskas; puska@mail.cox.net

**KY Louisville — March 17, 2007**

"Otterhound Judges Education Seminar" Sponsored by the Otterhound Club of America in conjunction with the Regional Specialty. Contact Arlyne Smith; (708) 756-7405; arlynebearsden@aol.com

**CA Sacramento — March 23-24, 2007**

"Judges Education Seminar, Hands-On and Ringside Mentoring - The Dachshund" Sponsored by the Dachshund Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty. Contact Ann Gordon; 406 North Church Court, Gibsonia, PA 15044; (724) 443-4261; angora119@aol.com.

**TX Dallas — March 25, 2007**

"Whippet", by Denise Tatro, "Greyhound", by Shelley Hemphill, "Italian Greyhound", by Teri Dickinson, "Dachshunds", by Ann Gordon Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association in conjunction with Fort Worth Kennel Club and Texas Kennel Club. Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com;

**KS Overland Park — April 6-7, 2007**

"Judges Education Seminar - The Whippet", Sponsored by the American Whippet Club in conjunction with the National Specialty. Contact Denise Tatro; (817) 297-2398; d\_tatro@sbcbglobal.net; www.awc2007.com

**NC Fontana Dam — April 27-28, 2007**

"Scottish Deerhound Ringside Mentoring" Sponsored by the Scottish Deerhound Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty. Contact Rusty Kingery; irusty@msn.com; 425-557-9656

**KY Lexington— June 8, 2007**

"Judges Education Seminar The Saluki" Sponsored by the Saluki Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Joseph Pendry; (831) 728-5722; levriers@charter.net

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## WORKING

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**AZ Phoenix — April 7, 2007**

"Great Pyrenees Judges Breed Study Group" Sponsored by the Great Pyrenees Club of America. Contact Whitney Coombs; PO Box 3395, Gettysburg, PA 17325-0395; (717) 359-9459 or fax (717) 637-4780

**FL Kissimmee — April 7-8, 2007**

"Rottweiler Judges Education Seminar", by Joan Klem Sponsored by the American Rottweiler Club in conjunction with the National Specialty. Contact Joan Klem; 1219 Golf Lane, Wheaton, IL 60187; (630) 665-0044 rodsdenrot@aol.com;

**CO Ft. Collins — April 21-22, 2007**

"Dr. Hutchison's K-9 Reproduction Seminar", by Dr. Hutchison Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Mastiff Fanciers. Contact Shannon Van Duren; 11008 Blackwolf Dr., Parker, CO 80138; (303) 805-1642; shakel70@comcast.net;



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**TX Houston— May 5, 2007**

**"Mastiff Standard Seminar"**, by Bill Hempel and Jim Hudspeth Sponsored by the Mastiff Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Jessica Watson; 2701 Oakridge RD., Burleson, TX 76028-1955; (817) 295-3733; oaklair@applink.net

**KY Louisville— May 11-12, 2007**

**"Bernese Mountain Dog Judges Education Seminar"** Sponsored by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Deborah Mulvey; PO Box 325, Waterbury Center, VT 05677; (802) 244-7521; vtbsd@aol.com

**PA Carlisle — September 21, 2007**

**"Giant Schnauzer Breed Seminar"** Sponsored by the Giant Schnauzer Club of America. Contact Steve Fox; (502) 558-4730; robert.fox@ge.com.

**OH Oxford — September 21-23, 2007**

**"Judges Education Seminar and Ringside Mentoring, The St. Bernard"** 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.

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## TERRIER

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**TX Plano — March 23, 2007**

**"Scottish Terrier Breed Seminar with Ringside Mentoring"** by Jerry Roszman Sponsored by the Scottish Terrier Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty. Contact Jerry Roszman, 3560 First Ave., #12, San Diego, CA 92103; (619) 692-3134; jrosz@earthlink.net.

**CA Sacramento — April 12, 2007**

**"The Bull Terrier and Miniature Bull Terrier with Hands-On Evaluation"**, by David Alexander, Carolyn Alexander and Giselle Simonds Sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Area Judges Association and Northern California Terrier Association. Contact Phil Freilich; (925) 229-8040; Freilance1@aol.com

**TX Dallas — May 26-27, 2007**

**"Gilbert K-9 Structure and Movement Seminar - Enhancing Your Win Capability"**, by Ed and Pat Gilbert Sponsored by the Lone Star Airedale Terrier Club. Contact Lynn Rickman; 972-962-2482; therickmans@nuwavenet.com; www.lsatc.com

**IL Grayslake— June 15, 2007**

**"The Staffordshire Terrier"** by Barbara Wheat Sponsored by the Great Lakes All Terrier Association and Park Shore Kennel Club; Contact Marcia Feld; 10054 Tamarack Lane, Libertyville, IL 60048-3617; (847) 362-4237; mfeld@prodigy.net; Judy Thill; (563) 588-9380; Dubwyre@aol.com

**IL Grayslake— June 15, 2007**

**"The Staffordshire Bull Terrier"** by Jean Richardson Sponsored by the Great Lakes All Terrier Association and Park Shore Kennel Club; Contact Marcia Feld; 10054 Tamarack Lane, Libertyville, IL 60048-3617; (847) 362-4237; mfeld@prodigy.net; Judy Thill; (563) 588-9380; Dubwyre@aol.com

**IL Grayslake— June 15, 2007**

**"The Bull Terrier and Miniature Bull Terrier"** by Marcy Bankus and Vanessa Everett Sponsored by the Great Lakes All Terrier Association and Park Shore Kennel Club; Contact Marcia Feld; 10054 Tamarack Lane, Libertyville, IL 60048-3617; (847) 362-4237; mfeld@prodigy.net; Judy Thill; (563) 588-9380; Dubwyre@aol.com

**TX Dallas— June 16, 2007**

**"Canine Reproduction and Maximizing Conception in the Bitch"** by Dr. Robert V. Hutchison 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

**TX Dallas— June 16, 2007**

**"Canine Reproduction and Maximizing Conception in the Bitch"** by Dr. Robert V. Hutchison 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

**AZ Phoenix— July 14-15, 2007**

**"Born To Win"** by Patricia Trotter Sponsored by the Sun Country Terrier Club; Contact Kathy McIndoe; (602) 992-4316; seminar2007@sctcaz.org

**OH Canfield — August 3, 2007**

**"K-9 Structure and Movement Seminar"**, by Ed and Pat Gilbert Sponsored by the Steel Valley Airedale Terrier Association. Contact Phil or Louise Weinberger; (724) 627-9618; tailsup2greenpa.net

**TX Dallas— December 8-9, 2007**

**"Carolyn Scott Freestyle Seminar"** by 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

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**KY Louisville — March 13, 2007**

**"The Pomeranian"** Sponsored by the American Pomeranian Club in conjunction with the National Specialty. Contact Dorothy Martin; (803) 831-8086; dfm1225@bellsouth.net

**KY Louisville — March 14, 2007**

**"Brussels Griffon Judges Education Seminar"** Sponsored by the American Brussels Griffon Association. Contact Lorene Vickers-Smith; (517) 323-1945; Smithbros@aol.com

**KY Louisville — March 17, 2007**

**"Reproduction Medicine"**, by Dr. Melissa Goodman, DVM Sponsored by the American Brussels Griffon Association. Contact Pam Waldron; 16409 Bennett Road, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273; endorgriff@comcast.net

**MI Howell — March 28, 2007**

**"The Chihuahua"**, by Jim Lehman Sponsored by the Michigan Dog Judges Association. Contact Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine; (734) 662-0849; foxairn\_3@msn.com;

**AZ Mesa — April 5, 2007**

**"Judges Breed Seminar- The Miniature Pinscher"** Sponsored by the Miniature Pinscher Club of America. Contact Madeline Miller; 16445 Terrace Ct. E., Roseville, MI 48066; (586) 778-0612; dogjudge@comcast.net; www.minpin.org

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## IA Cedar Falls — April 21, 2007

"The Pomeranian", by Juanita Fiddick,  
"The Schipperkes", by Amy Gossman  
Sponsored by the Iowa Dog Judges  
Association. Contact Robert Salsbury; 5100  
Eldora Ct., Waterloo, IA 50701-9069;  
(319) 235-6181; salsbury@forbin.net;

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### NON-SPORTING

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## NC Raleigh - March 23, 2007

"From the Judges Viewpoint" by Chris  
Walkowicz Sponsored by the Central  
Carolina Poodle Club, American Kennel  
Club and Dog Judges Association of  
America. Contact Jan Gray; PO Box  
1172, Hillsborough, NC 27278.

## NC Raleigh - March 23, 2007

"Building A Better Dog Show"  
Sponsored by the Central Carolina  
Poodle Club, American Kennel Club  
and Dog Judges Association of America.  
Contact Bri Tesarz; (919) 816-3514;  
glt@akc.org.

## NC Burlington- March 31-April 1, 2007

"Training for the WC / WCX with  
Margaret Fox and Claudia Straitiff",  
by Margaret Fox and Claudia Straitiff  
Sponsored by the Central Carolina  
Poodle Club. Contact Jan Gray; (919)  
990-1009; workingdogs@earthlink.net;

## CO Brighton - April 14, 2007

"The Boston Terrier", by Carl E.  
Gomes Sponsored by the Terry-All  
Kennel Club. Contact Sonja Ostrom;  
sonja.ostrom@aimco.com; Monica  
Canestrini; canestrini@comcast.net

## KY Fort Mitchell - May 2, 2007

"The Dalmatian" Sponsored by  
the Dalmatian Club of America in  
conjunction with the National Specialty.  
Contact Elaine Ann Lindhorst; (636)  
441-5298; elindhorst@charter.net

## CA Vallejo - May 18, 2007

"American Eskimo Dogs", by Ruth  
Sampson, "Boston Terriers", by Ann  
Sunday, "Dalmatians", by Marilyn  
Dromgoole, "Lowchen", by Jean  
Richland, "Poodles", by Jacquelyn  
Hungerland Sponsored by the NorCal  
Non-Sporting Dog Club. Contact  
Marilyn Dromgoole; (510) 222-3935;  
NorCalNonSportingDogClub@gmail.com

## KS Lawrence - May 23, 2007

"Judges Education Seminar" Sponsored  
by the Keeshond Club of America;  
contact Tawn Sinclair; tawnsincl@aol.com;  
(310) 457-3569.

## KY Fort Mitchell - May 27, 2007

"Judges Education Seminar and  
Ringside Mentoring, The Boston  
Terrier" Sponsored by the Boston  
Terrier Club of America in conjunction  
with the National Specialty. Contact  
Carl E. Gomes; 4408 White Plains  
Road, Bronx, NY 10470-1607;  
(718) 994-0834

## CO Longmont - May 29, 2007

"Judges Education Seminar, The  
Chow Chow" Sponsored by the Chow  
Chow Club, Inc. in conjunction  
with the National Specialty. Contact  
Carmen Blankenship; 106 S. Royal  
Oak Drive, Duncanville, TX 75116;  
(972) 259-1678 or (972) 296-9642;  
CarmenBlankenship@verizon.net

## NC Durham - July 14-15, 2007 "Obedience

Workshop by Jane Jackson", by Jane  
Jackson Sponsored by the Central  
Carolina Poodle Club. Contact Jan  
Gray; PO Box 1172, Hillsborough, NC  
27278; (919) 990-1009;  
workingdogs@earthlink.net;

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### HERDING

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## NC Concord - March 27, 2007

"The Collie-Judges Education Seminar  
and Ringside Mentoring", by Tom  
Coen Sponsored by the Collie Club  
of America in conjunction with the  
National Specialty. Contact Tom Coen;  
67 Crooked Hill Rd., Alford, MA  
01360; (413) 528-6933; macdega1@  
aol.com; Darci Brown; 111 West Rd.,  
Northfield, MA 01360; (413) 498-  
5006; dbhappyhr@aol.com

## OR Albany - April 5, 2007

"The Shetland Sheepdog", by Linda  
Churchill and Guy Mauldin Sponsored  
by the American Shetland Sheepdogs  
Association. Contact Linda Churchill;  
7018 Elizabeth Court, Valley Springs,  
CA 95252-9668; (209) 763-2608;  
ljc21476@softcom.net

## MD Towson - April 19-20, 2007

"The Pembroke Welsh Corgi",  
Sponsored by the Pembroke Welsh  
Corgi Club of the Potomac. Contact  
Carrie Chase; (304) 274-5939;  
humnbird1@earthlink.net;

## IA Cedar Falls - April 21, 2007

"The Pomeranian", by Juanita Fiddick,  
"The Schipperkes", by Amy Gossman  
Sponsored by the Iowa Dog Judges  
Association. Contact Robert Salsbury;  
5100 Eldora Ct., Waterloo, IA 50701-  
9069; (319) 235-6181; salsbury@  
forbin.net;

## MD Frederick - April 26, 2007

"Belgian Sheepdog Judges Breed  
Study Group and Ringside Tutoring",  
by Marcy Spalding Sponsored by the  
Belgian Sheepdog Club of America in  
conjunction with the National Specialty.  
Contact Marcy Spalding;  
(713) 461-6679; mawrmyth@aol.com;

## NJ Piscataway - May 3, 2007

"Pat Hastings Puppy Puzzle  
Presentation and Evaluation Seminar",  
by Pat Hastings Sponsored by the  
Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the  
Garden State. Contact Karen Gunzel;  
973-228-4192; kgunzel@aol.com;  
Phyllis Farrer; 732-297-0473;  
pfarrer@erols.com

## MI Ann Arbor- May 15, 2007

"Belgian Malinois Judges Education  
Seminar" Sponsored by the American  
Belgian Malinois Club in conjunction  
with the National Specialty; Contact  
Marti Moses; (410) 886-2232;  
covepoint@verizon.net

## TX Austin - May 19-20, 2007

"AKC Obedience and Rally Seminar",  
by AKC Field Representative Sponsored  
by the German Shepherd Dog Club of  
Austin. Contact Margaret Bleakeney;  
1408 Broadmoor, Austin, TX 72723;  
(512)-451-2512; mbleakney@aol.com

## OH Richfield - October 5, 2007

"Judges Education Seminar, The  
Briard" Sponsored by the Briard  
Club of America in conjunction  
with the National Specialty. Contact  
Meg Weitz; mwweitz@aol.com;  
briardclubofamerica.org.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

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## MI Howell - April 25, 2007

"The Beauceron", by Marion Karhatsu,  
"The Plott Hound", by Steve Fielder  
Sponsored by the Michigan Dog  
Judges Group. Contact Peggy Beisel-  
McIlwaine; foxairn\_3@msn.com; (734)  
662-0849

# "A BIT OF A STICKY WICKET"

BY MARY DUKES, AKC EXECUTIVE FIELD REP

Recently we have seen a number of judges having some problems with correct measurement technique. If you judge measurable breeds, proper measuring technique is a fundamental skill that you must master. There is indeed a specific technique and procedure that judges must utilize when performing a measurement on a dog to be fair to the exhibitor, the dog and to assure that the measurement is true and accurate.

## To measure, or not to measure....

Whether the judge chooses to measure a dog or the measurement is the result of an in ring exhibitor protest, the measurement technique itself is the same. I should point out that if a judge thinks a dog may be over or under size, it is the judge's OBLIGATION to measure the exhibit. This is a mandatory part of your job in judging to the standard of the breed for which you have been approved and entrusted to judge.

## The Wicked Wicket.

Once the decision to measure an exhibit has been made, the first step in the process is to inform the exhibitor that you will be measuring their dog. Next have your ring steward call the superintendent to bring the wicket to the ring. Be sure you notify the superintendent which breed you will be measuring so that the correct size wicket is delivered. If there are multiple dogs in the class, you should continue examining the remaining exhibits while waiting for the wicket to arrive. If you are judging a large entry of a measurable breed, you may choose to request the wicket prior to the start of your assignment.

With the proper wicket in hand, call the exhibitor to your judge's table to observe you set the wicket. Lay the wicket flat on the table to set each leg to the appropriate height. You should always re-read the breed standard disqualification immediately prior to measuring so as to be **absolutely** certain of the height at which you will be setting the wicket and to remind yourself **exactly** how the standard reads. This can make a difference as to whether a dog is disqualified or not. For example, if a standard reads "over 20 inches at the shoulder to disqualify" you will set the wicket to 20" to measure the dog. If the wicket is touching the dog's withers (highest point of shoulder) AND both legs are touching the surface on which you are measuring, the dog is EXACTLY 20" and not to be disqualified. Conversely, if the standard reads "20 inches and over to disqualify," the same dog and measurement would result in a disqualification. Be aware that a very slight difference in wording can make a very big

difference in meaning, and it is very important that you as a judge are sensitive to and aware of this nuance.

Be sure to screw each leg in tightly so the legs are firmly set. Then, with the wicket still laying flat on the table, use your metal measuring tape (which you should always carry in your briefcase – if you find that you do not have one with you [shame on you!]) call for the AKC Rep, as we always carry a tape with us) to measure each leg of the wicket individually. Confirm that they are both set to the proper height. The exhibitor should be part of this process in that they watch you set and measure the wicket. Once finished, and before you measure the dog, ask them to concur that the wicket is indeed set to the proper height.

## Get it right and don't scare the dog!

Now that the wicket is properly set it is time to actually perform the measurement on the dog. The dog should be measured on the surface that it is typically examined, the table for breeds normally examined on the table, the ground for breeds normally examined on the ground or the ramp for those breeds which may be judged on the ramp. If you are performing a measurement on the ground on an uneven surface you must ask the superintendent to bring a board to the ring on which to stand the dog to perform the measurement. This should be requested at the same time as the wicket if there is a need for such.

Where to measure the dog is generally pretty straightforward, smaller breeds on the table and larger breeds on the ground, but what do you do in the case of a breed like the Whippet where it is **equally acceptable** and at the discretion of the judge to examine the dogs on the table, the ramp **or** the ground? Although this decision lies completely with the judge, many judges in this situation will ask the exhibitor if they have a preference as to where the dog is measured (typically on the ground or on the table unless the judge is using the ramp for their examination process) and will then grant that request. (As an exhibitor of this breed, I always very much appreciated being given this option). It should also be noted that this option (ground or table for measurement) should extend only to the measurement itself, wherever (table, ramp or ground) the judge has chosen to examine the entries must remain consistent throughout the entry.

Next ask the handler to stack the dog at the appropriate measuring location. The dog should be in a natural

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## STICKY

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stance, four square, with its head in a natural position. If the handler does not stack the dog to your satisfaction, you must request that they re-stack the dog so that you, the judge, are content that the dog is standing in a normal stance where its true height can be determined. You may give the handler a couple of chances to get it right, telling them what adjustments you would like them to make, but if the handler continues to be uncooperative (either intentionally or unintentionally) or the dog becomes difficult and cannot be stacked to your satisfaction, you must excuse the dog and mark your book "excused, unable to measure". You, the judge, ARE NOT allowed to physically assist the handler in stacking the dog or touch or hold the dog in any way during the stacking or measuring process.

Once the dog is satisfactorily stacked you will ask the exhibitor if they are ready and you will proceed with the actual measurement. Approach the dog in a normal manner appropriate for the breed. Hold the wicket in your right hand and down at your side as you approach the dog. Be very aware that most dogs will be suspicious when approached by a stranger carrying a large metal stick, so try to make your movements as smooth, efficient and natural as possible and approach the dog.

You will touch the dog at the withers (highest point of the shoulder) to make clear where your measurement point will be. This is the only place you are permitted to touch the dog during the measurement process. **DO NOT** hold the dog's muzzle or move its head up or down, **DO NOT** re-adjust its legs. Then you will bring the wicket forward from the rear of the dog, place it only on the highest point of the withers and leave it only long enough to determine if the dog is in or out and then remove the wicket. At all times take extreme care not to inadvertently bump the dog with the wicket's legs. This will

spook the dog and annoy the exhibitor. Additionally, do not release the wicket from your hand at any time while you are actually measuring the dog. This can result in the wicket falling on the dog who will now be really spooked and you also have an exhibitor who is **REALLY, REALLY ANNOYED** and will not hesitate to hunt down the AKC Rep at the show and report your incompetence.

Immediately after completing the measurement, inform the exhibitor of your decision as to whether their dog measured in or out. Realize that many exhibitors may be nervous and flustered by the experience so please be polite, clear and direct, such as either, "Today your dog measured in, please take your place back in line", or "I'm sorry, today your dog measured out and is disqualified under the breed standard". In the latter case please do not hesitate to advise them to seek out the AKC rep for clarification if they have questions or tell them that you will be happy to discuss it with them after judging is completed. This way the exhibitor can get any questions answered, and you can continue judging your class.

### Tying up the loose ends.

Any dog that is measured must be noted in your judge's book and also whether it measured in or out. If you measure a dog in, you should note adjacent to the dog's number "measured – in". Conversely if the dog measures out, you will note by the dog's number "DQ – measured out". Also, if the measurement is the result of an in ring protest that should be noted in your book, clarifying the armband number of the dog measured and the outcome as well as the armband number of the exhibitor filing the protest.

*As an AKC judge who adjudicates on measurable breeds, it is your responsibility to become proficient at the proper technique to measure a dog. You owe that to the breed, the exhibitors and the individual dogs. Press on and keep measuring!*



# REVISIONS TO THE AKC DACHSHUND BREED STANDARD

SUBMITTED BY THE DACHSHUND CLUB  
OF AMERICA, INC.

At the January, 2007, meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, a revision to the AKC standard for the Dachshund was approved, effective March 1, 2007. While the format remains the same, the revised standard contains several changes, many of which are meant to offer clarification regarding Dachshund structure and movement. Other changes to the standard were made to clarify issues regarding acceptable Dachshund colors and patterns.

The first change is at the end of the "Head" paragraph. The last sentence now reads *"The skull is slightly arched, neither too broad nor too narrow, and slopes gradually with little perceptible stop into the finely-formed, slightly arched muzzle, giving a Roman appearance."* "Giving a Roman appearance" is new wording, added to restore the emphasis to "slightly arched" which was lost when the "ram's nose" wording was removed with the 1992 revision.

The next change of note is to the "Neck" sentence. It reads *"Long, muscular, clean-cut, without dewlap, slightly arched in the nape, flowing gracefully into the shoulders, without creating the impression of a right angle."* The last phrase, "without creating the impression of a right angle," was added because upright shoulders have been a growing problem in the breed, and this addition will direct more attention of both judges and breeders to this part of Dachshund anatomy.

Next, there is an added sentence in the "Forequarters" section. The new sentence: *"The inclined shoulder blades, upper arms and curved forearms form parentheses that enclose the ribcage,*

*creating the correct 'wraparound front.'"* As the front assembly of the Dachshund is an unusual canine structure, and as the term "wraparound front" is commonly used among fanciers of the breed, this sentence was added to incorporate the term into the standard, to explain its meaning, and to place special emphasis on its importance to the breed.

There are a few minor changes of wording in the "Hindquarters" and "Gait" sections that need not be addressed here, as they are primarily changes in terminology. But there is one change of significance in the "Gait" section, the addition of this sentence: *"Rear feet do not reach upward toward the abdomen and there is no appearance of walking on the rear pasterns."* This language was added to call the attention of breeders and judges to a persistent problem in the breed.

The revision contains several changes regarding color. The first addresses the cream color and is self-explanatory, adding the words *"with or without a shading of interspersed dark hairs."*

There are two new color descriptions, those being for sable and for wild boar Dachshunds.

*"Sable – the sable pattern consists of a uniform dark overlay on red dogs. The overlay hairs are double-pigmented, with the tip of each hair much darker than the base color. The pattern usually displays a widow's peak on the head. Nose, nails and eye rims are black. Eyes are dark, the darker the better."*

This description was added because the term "sable" has traditionally been used differently by Dachshund fanciers than when it is used in reference to other breeds. A red sable Dachshund presents a distinctive appearance that is now defined in the standard.

*"Wild boar (agouti) appears as banding of the individual hairs and imparts an overall grizzled effect which is most often seen on wirehaired Dachshunds, but may also appear on other coats. Tan points may or may not be evident. Variations include red boar and chocolate-and-tan boar. Nose, nails and eye rims are black on wild-boar and red-boar Dachshunds. On chocolate-and-tan-boar Dachshunds, nose, nails, eye rims and eyes are self-colored, the darker the better. A small amount of white on the chest, although acceptable, is not desirable."*

This addition to the standard was made because the use of the term "wild boar" to describe the agouti banding pattern is unique to Dachshund parlance, and the color is possibly the one most commonly encountered in wirehaired Dachshunds.

Double dapple (double merle) has been removed from the standard as an acceptable pattern. The removal from the standard of this pattern that imparted white to the body of a Dachshund indicates that the only acceptable white on a Dachshund appears as a small spot on the chest, which, while acceptable, is not desirable. (A larger area of white is permissible on the chest of a single-dapple Dachshund.) This should simplify what has been a complex issue for some regarding judging the Dachshund, as the standard now has no pattern that displays areas of white, and clearly states in three places, that "a small amount of white on the chest is acceptable but not desirable." Aside from a larger area of white on the chest of a dapple being permissible, white is not mentioned anywhere else in the breed standard.

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**Beginning with this issue, on a quarterly basis we will be featuring members of the AKC Dog Show Judges Division, in order of seniority. We begin with.....**



## INES MALDONADO, MANAGER JUDGING OPERATIONS

Ines needs no introduction, but you all deserve to know her. There are very few, if any, of you who have not heard from Ines and had a lot of help from her.

Ines was born and grew up in Brooklyn, NY. She was an only child until age ten, so when her brother came along, she was naturally the baby sitter. The family lived on the second floor of a three story building, and Ines had access to the fire escape. It became her playhouse and her refuge. Her mother worked all of her life, and so Ines spent a lot of time with her grandmother. The model of her hard working mother probably accounts for her work ethic and sense of responsibility.

As a High School student, Ines commuted an hour and a half by subway and bus to attend Clara Barton High School. Clara Barton High School is dedicated to the study of Medical Arts. Ines studied Dental Assisting and graduated Top Student in that department. That comes as no surprise to any who know her.

Along the way, Ines met a college recruiter who inspired her to resist the temptation to go to work right out of high school and enroll in Kingsborough Community College. Ines committed and completed an Associates Degree. In 1985 Ines graduated, interviewed with AKC and went to work in the Judges Department. Some of you may remember her as Ines Perez.

Ines left the department briefly to work in Judging Research and Development but returned in 1997 as the Supervisor for the Judges Department. She relocated to Raleigh, NC and was quickly promoted to Manager of Judging Operations.

She loves large, powerful, confident dogs, and on a recent trip to shows in Marietta, GA, she discovered the Black Russian Terrier. Maybe someday soon there will be a canine addition to her home. Ines lives with her husband Vic, their two lovely daughters and Shelby their All American dog.

Her pet peeve is any unorganized area.

## DACHSHUND BREED STANDARD

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Guidelines for Writing a Breed Standard:" "Color... In breeds where multiple colors and color combinations are acceptable, but not all colors are permitted, the *complete* list of all colors and color combinations *must* be included in the standard. In such cases, any colors and color combination not mentioned are *unacceptable*, and judges are to pass judgment on this basis."

In an effort to simplify Dachshund colors and patterns for judges, the Judges Education Committee stresses that the patterns and colors included in the Dachshund standard are acceptable in the conformation ring. The following is a list of those that are **unacceptable**.

- \* any area of white anywhere on the dog other than a small area on the chest,

with a larger area being permissible on the chest of a dapple

- \* a piebald pattern
  - \* a double-dapple (double-merle) pattern
  - \* either a patterned or a Dudley (flesh-colored) nose
  - \* any nose color other than black on red, cream, black/tan, black/cream, wild boar and red boar Dachshunds. (For example, a brown nose on a red or a cream Dachshund is not acceptable.)
  - \* a total lack of tan or cream markings on black, blue, chocolate or Isabella Dachshunds
  - \* a combination of dapple and brindle patterns
  - \* any blue in either eye of a brindle Dachshund, indicating a combination of the dapple and brindle patterns.
- It is the hope of the Judges Education

Committee that the foregoing information will be helpful to judges by highlighting the changes to the standard. The Dachshund fancy trusts that judges will render decisions based on the revised breed standard. If there are any questions regarding the new standard or any questions pertaining to Dachshunds, please feel free to contact:

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# REQUESTING AN EVALUATION

BY SUE VROOM, AKC EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Life presents challenges. You have been involved in the dog world for a number of years now and the neighbors have gotten used to the strange noises and comings and goings all hours of the day and night. Your family wrote you off some time ago and barely recognizes your first name on caller ID, much less takes your call. The last litter has put the finish on the remains of what you laughingly call interior design. Maybe it's time to jump into the deep pond by downloading the Judge's Application from the website and seeing how many points of light your dollars have bought you in dog time. If there actually existed an Hours and Dollars Redemption Store for what we've put into dogs, we'd never work again. Nevertheless, you've dug up ancient files, gotten the Field Rep's stamp and the Pre-Interview form. You've been published in the Gazette and no one has written heinous letters impugning your dubious character. Now you wade through stacks of rules and guidelines books, take written tests chock full of questions to make you think. The day of your interview is treated with more anxiety and panic than the appointment for your doctoral dissertation. After all, that only took eight years of higher education; this has consumed your entire adult life thus far. You are careful to hand your business card to no one even if it's the mechanic fixing the clutch in your car; you never answer the phone by saying, "Hello, it's Judge Judy and I'm here for you" and when your hairdresser asks if she's ever going to see you on Animal Planet in an evening gown, you dodge the question knowing you will never live long enough to stand on the blue carpet.

Perched atop this whole Mount Everest of obstacles encapsulated by the seemingly innocuous term "provisional" is the Evaluation Report requirement. To some, the mere thought of it brings back traumatic memories of piano recitals and tuba tryouts on the football field. You grill the field rep about when, where and how this surgery will be administered. It is your understanding that the first two assignments are "freebies" and will slip by unnoticed but the third, fourth and fifth, should you be so lucky that the word has yet to spread like wildfire through the breeders not to bring you a major; require an observation by one of the General's field lieutenants. This is where the information highway gets twisty. I have learned that among some additional-breed judges, the understanding is that the field staff is discouraged from any earlier observation resulting in an Evaluation Report and interview following your assignment. Not so. If, on your first and/or second additional-breed provisional assignment, you have managed to attract major entries (we like to call that a "significant entry"-it has an impressive ring) ask for an evaluation. The Evaluation Report in your file is like money in the bank. You

remember what that was like... before dogs and all. When you check in with the AKC Rep to inform him of your provisional status, discuss the possibility of an Observation. As dry and impersonal as this all sounds, paper is the only link we all have to assure the guys in Raleigh and New York that they were right on target to take a chance on us. The present staff, both in the office and the field has an impressive background of time served studying the purebred dog and for those a little unsteady they can offer knowledgeable input to get you on track in future assignments in new breeds. Your success is definitely a success for everyone... Judges Committee members, field staff and most importantly, the breeders whose breeding programs you have correctly evaluated and validated.

My advice on requested Observations certainly includes those of you who have not had a formal Evaluation for a year or more. Keep track of these things so you know whether you have current paper in your file. When you get around to applying for additional breeds, the reports speak for themselves when your app goes to the Judges Committee. They will definitely want to see something with a current date on it. If you are possessed of an organizational nature, you should keep a spread sheet on each provisional breed, where you judged them, entry size and what number assignment it is. When you check in, have the information at hand. It puts you more in charge of your own destiny, report wise. For those of you on regular status with no current provisional breeds, you should know approximately when your last formal evaluation was.

There is much talk about our approval system, the complexities and ambiguities, the fact that it changes, and information at times seems conflicting and confusing. Our policies, rules and guidelines very much like any large organization are constantly under review and revision. There is no possible sociological set of criteria, be it of a governmental nature or an informal status quo that encompasses individual needs, backgrounds or experiences to establish a pat standard of qualification.

Some paper millionaires are, in actuality, in need of food stamps and some collecting same have been sleeping on money mattresses for years. Sometimes things just cannot and do not add up. Don't expect them to; life on this planet isn't pre-wired for that.

I intend on ambitiously attempting in future articles for this newsletter, a compilation of FAQs and seldom known answers that pertain to the application/evaluation process that may help you and at the same time, save Darrell, Peter and Ines phone time. If you have ideas and/or questions for me, let me know. I will get you the proper answer and see that it is included in this list.

# FITCHBURG AKC INSTITUTE A SUCCESS

By ROZ KRAUS

The AKC Institute for Aspiring and Newly Approved Judges held in Fitchburg, Massachusetts on November 11-12, 2006 was a success! The Institute brought a record number of 54 attendees all meeting for the purpose of improving their knowledge of judging procedure, learning the basics of structure, as well as the entire judging approval procedure. The attendees began at 8:00am Saturday learning the difference between ranking and evaluating dogs and were then given a fabulous presentation on anatomy by Claudia Orlandi. The afternoon session covered



ring procedure, followed by a hands-on session of measuring dogs with wickets, and a question and answer session. At 4:30 pm all attendees met for a networking reception, giving each individual the opportunity to discuss the day's events.

Sunday morning started with Dr. Harry Smith's learning

session on Ring Procedure. Dr. Smith is a well respected long time judge with great experience. He provided invaluable insight as to how to run a ring in a timely, efficient manner, thereby providing each exhibitor with a fair and efficient evaluation. Following Dr. Smith's presentation, a "mock" ring set up with dogs was provided. Different ring procedures, various situations and how to deal with such were presented were presented by AKC staff. During this time the staff fielded questions from attendees. Following the ring procedure, the role of AKC Field Representatives and judges were addressed. AKC staff then held a Q&A session covering all ring situations hypothetical and otherwise. Participants were provided with both New Breed and Addition Breed Application forms as well as Ringside Mentoring Criteria.

The entire event generated great support and enthusiasm from all attendees. The next Institute will be held June 30 – July 1, 2007 in Oklahoma City.

## THE WICKET AND SCALE DEMO

By LEE HERR

EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

When a new breed or additional breed applicant arrives for an interview with a Field Rep, the basic idea is for the applicant to demonstrate verbally their knowledge of the breed(s) applying for. One of the key components to judging is the applicant's knowledge of breed disqualifications and knowledge of measuring and weighing breeds with height and weight Disqualifications. All applicants applying for a breed(s) which has a height or weight DQ are **required to demonstrate the proper use of the wicket or scales at the time of the interview.**

It is imperative the applicant be familiar with, and understands the proper and accurate procedure for measuring or weighing an exhibit. The interview will include the use of the wicket and/or scale, handling measurement requests, and correctly marking the judges' book. It is the applicant's responsibility to be fully prepared prior to the interview. The Executive Field Rep is just one of the many resources available to answer questions and offer assistance concerning the correct procedures. Exhibitors deserve and expect a fair and accurate examination of their exhibit. In return judges are rewarded with their respect.

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Move on to the next dog and repeat exactly the same ring procedure.

During each class, one should use the most possible recall of individual dogs that, in your opinion, are possible winners. And just to be sure you want to "see them again", put a mark (dot, X, check mark) or whatever you choose for identification by the dog's arm band number in your judges book or keep it on a separate list. This is not an awkward pattern but a protective measure for the entire class for you. The final decision is yours. Avoid confusion.

After all dogs have been individually judged, rearrange your classes so the first through fourth placings are at the front of the line before you point! This prevents your picking the wrong dog or switching places unintentionally. If you should change your mind on the last go around or while standing and decide to award first to the third dog in line, stop the class. Move the third dog up front. Once satisfied, point to the placings, mark your judge's book and award prizes and ribbons accordingly. Personally, I choose to ask the dogs to circle the ring before pointing as it gives everyone a better look. The above practice prevents your picking the wrong dog or switching places unintentionally. It is most inappropriate to choose your placings in an unorthodox manner.

## **JUDGING THE CLASS WINNERS**

As the first places in each class enter the ring, recheck armbands for accuracy. Move each dog on the diagonal or around before deciding which first place dog is the Winners Dog. Then, be certain that the second place dog from the class in which the winner was chosen returns to the ring. Move this dog in the same manner, then decide on the Reserve Winners Dog. One can never be too careful when recording the CORRECT numbers. For reassurance, just double check with the steward before continuing with the bitch classes. All stewards are required to mark your placings in their books. This practice is now required by the Superintendents.

At this point, check your time as all judging is on a strict time frame. The last thing a new judge or even an experienced one should do is to be tardy. The minutes add up very quickly during the day, thus making it very difficult to "catch up". Also, it is recommended to allow photos only after the entire breed is judged. Advise your steward accordingly.

## **JUDGING THE SPECIALS' CLASS**

The safest system for judging the specials' class is to tell your steward to call dogs in the ring by sex and by catalog order within the sex . . . whichever one you choose, followed by the Winners Dog and Winner Bitch. When judging the Specials, you should adhere to the same examination and movement patterns as in the regular classes. Upon completion, choose your Best of Breed, followed by Best of Winners and lastly, Best of Opposite Sex and move them to the front of the line. Take all dogs around again and point! The above routine of catalog order by sex helps to prevent choosing the same sex for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex. Some breeds are very uniform in size, color, coats, etc.

## **GROUP JUDGING**

Eventually, you may become a Group Judge. By now, your ring procedure should be a natural effort. Judging groups is not a time test as the average group should be completed in no more than 15 to 25 minutes. This applies to whether this is your first group or your 100th! An absolute must is to watch and evaluate many group judges whenever possible. You'll be surprised at how easy it is to classify their proficiency. Their individual dog choices are immaterial to the ring procedure as this is what you are learning and will hopefully remember and utilize.

## **FINAL WORD OF ADVICE**

The final decisions throughout your judging assignments are yours alone. Avoid second-guessing your choices. Any experienced judge will advise that it is more confusing and illogical. Usually your first impressions and instincts are "on the mark"!

All new judges are required to seek the advice of the observing AKC Representative and anyone in the position of official knowledge. DO NOT become argumentative or offended during any discussions as this becomes nonsensical and damaging to your future as a judge. Accept their guidance and suggestions in a friendly manner. They, too, are trying to perform the "job" in a professional manner. Being combative or disagreeing with their assessment of your judging abilities is not advised. Remember, they have attended more shows and observed more judges than any one of us will ever experience.

In your judging career, you will soon become very comfortable in the correct and timely manner of choosing dogs. As an exhibitor, you no doubt had favored judges who always gave everyone equal time and consideration in addition to consistent

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## JUDGING

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ring procedures. As a judge, it would be wise to seek the advice of a veteran judge by asking him/her to watch you judge a class or two if time permits. Be totally accepting of any suggestions for improvement or changes. Be grateful for their advice and treasure their competence, skills and history. One never stops learning regardless of time and position.

By following the above suggestions . . . you, the dogs, exhibitors, owners, spectators and the AKC rep will have a positive impression of observing your expertise and breed knowledge. Now... WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF JUDGING DOGS!!!!!!!

### NEWS FLASH !!!

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## OBSERVATION/EVALUATION REPORTS AND THE CONFIDENTIALITY FACTOR

*By ROZ KRAUS*

When a judge is observed or evaluated by an Executive Field Representative, he is given a copy of the report. The judge is asked to sign the form after a discussion. If the representative feels improvements are needed, they are to recommend such. Whether the report is positive or negative in nature, the process is **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**. Observations/Evaluations are not for public discussion. This has a two-fold purpose.

First, in the case of negative reports, in no way does AKC want the judge to be embarrassed, humiliated or degraded in any way. Reports are meant to help, encourage and promote good judging, all to the improvement of the sport.

Second, the judge and the representative are truly the only individuals who know what has been said; both by and to each other. Respect for one another combined with dignity will equal integrity in the sport.

Unfortunately as things are "discussed and perpetuated" amongst others, words and quotes are changed and many times interpreted and taken out of context. When an unfavorable report is shared with fellow judges or fanciers, word has a way of coming back to embarrass the judge in the community. Confidentiality with respect to Observation/ Evaluation reports is a part of the Code of Sportsmanship that all parties should adhere to, as the judging community is held to the highest of standards in the dog show world..

## EXECUTIVE FIELD REPS

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Approved in 1985 to judge Kerry Blue Terriers, Anne is presently approved to judge Sporting, Terrier, Toy and Non-Sporting groups and seven Hound breeds and Best in Show. She had the honor of judging Best In Show at the October 2003 Montgomery County Kennel Club.

Mrs. Katona's background includes extensive club affiliations. She is a member and a past Show Chairperson of the Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club. A Charter Member of the Northern California Terrier Association and is their Canine Ambassador for elementary level schools in Santa Clara County. She is a Lifetime member of the United States Kerry

Blue Terrier Club, and presently serves as the parent club's Judge's Education Chairman, and AKC Gazette columnist. She is associated with the San Francisco Bay Area Dog Judges and an active member of the Dog Judges Association of America, where she was instrumental in organizing with DJAA and AKC the first Sporting Group Institute in San Jose, CA.

"Anne brings her considerable experience as a judge to the job of Executive Field Representative," observes John Lyons, COO of the American Kennel Club. "Her interest in Judge's education and working with clubs will benefit the Sport immeasurably. We are thrilled to have Anne Katona as the newest member of a talented and dedicated Executive Field staff."

## YOUR ON-LINE ACCOUNT

BY INES MALDONADO

Do you know that there are quite a few things you can do when you have an AKC Account?

Here are some things you may do:

- View all records for all your dogs in one convenient location
- Update your contact information on file with AKC

However, here in Judging Operations we want to emphasize how important it is to keep your contact information updated. Well let's put it this way, if Clubs cannot find you, there are no assignments. NOT GOOD!

One important feature about your AKC Account is the fact that you may update your own contact information.

How many times do you change your email, phone numbers or discover there's an error? Don't you wish you could correct this yourself? Now you can do something about it. Once your account has been linked, you will have total control in editing your contact information for one particular role (Judges) or all of your associated roles.

So if you wish to have this capability and you have an AKC Account, contact Ines Maldonado at [ixm@akc.org](mailto:ixm@akc.org) or (919) 816-3570. You will need to provide your AKC Account name. Once your account name is received we will link your AKC Account name to your judge's role. We will then notify you via email or mail that your account is ready and you may view or edit your contact information at your convenience.

## DOWNLOADABLE FORMS

Most AKC forms and applications can be downloaded from the AKC website. You will need Adobe Acrobat in order to view the forms. For best results, select a form and save it to your computer; then print a copy.

Most Frequently Downloaded Forms:

- Litter Application
- Frozen Semen Litter Application
- ILP Application
- Request for Duplicate Registration Certificate
- Supplemental Transfer
- Additional Signature Form
- Foreign Dog Registration

If you have questions regarding the form or application, please contact AKC Customer Service at 919-233.9767 or by email at [info@akc.org](mailto:info@akc.org).

### NEW RINGSIDE OBSERVATION PARAMETERS

The parameters of the ringside component were discussed at the February 9, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors, and were revised. Effective immediately, qualified mentors will be allowed to participate in Ringside Observations on days they have entries in the breed they are teaching until the class in which they have an entry assembles. From that time on they are to refrain from further interaction.

## JUST THE FAQ'S

BY SUSAN JUDGE

**Question:** Are there any rules governing whether a judge can judge at the same show their children are scheduled to exhibit?

**Answer:** AKC's "Rules Applying to Dog Shows", Chapter 7, Section 1, states:

"No judge may accept an assignment nor officiate any event where a member of his or her household is involved to the extent that there might exist an actual conflict of interest or the reasonable appearance of a conflict of interest."

However, as defined in Chapter 11, Section 13, members of the judge's immediate family who no longer reside in the same household may enter or handle a dog at a show **if the judge is not officiating over any competition**, including a group class or Best in Show, for which the dog is entered or may become eligible.



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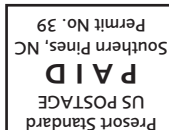
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