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LEE WHITTIER JOINS AKC AS CONFORMATION EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

By PETER GAETA

The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce that on January 14, 2008, Ms. Lee Whittier of Woodstock, Vermont joined the AKC Executive Field Staff and will cover shows in the Northwest area of the United States.

She grew up in a family involved with Collies, Golden Retrievers and horses, riding competitively for a number of years. Lee has been an active participant in the sport of purebred dogs her entire adult life. Lee trained and showed her own dogs in conformation and obedience. She has bred Top Ten, top producing, Best In Show and multiple Specialty winning Rottweilers during the breed's highly competitive heyday in the 80's and 90's under the Legend prefix.

Lee's background includes extensive club affiliations. She is a member and a past show chairperson of The Woodstock Dog Club, Inc., Medallion Rottweiler Club, and the American Rottweiler Club. Approved in 2000 to judge Rottweilers, Lee is presently approved to judge 16 Working breeds, Bouviers and Junior Showmanship.

During the last 20 years, she has run a successful business supporting clients in Lifestyle Awareness within a small Vermont community, and since 2005 has incorporated mediation into her practice.

"Her tenure in the sport highlighted by 13 years experience as show chair, 6 years of judging, and professional skills in mediation give Lee unique insight to bring to the position of AKC Executive Field Representative," said Darrell Hayes, Vice President, Dog Show Judges of the American Kennel Club. "Her experience in conflict resolution and working with clubs will be an asset to the department and of great benefit to the sport. We are thrilled to have Lee Whittier as the newest member of a talented and dedicated AKC Executive Field Staff."



ETHICS, HONESTY AND COMMON SENSE

By PETER GAETA

Following is an excerpt from the section of the **Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges** that shares its name with the title of this article. Several recent incidents involving judges owning dogs and hiring handlers suggest the timeliness of a review of the responsibilities of judges in this regard.

AKC Judges possess and project a commitment to **integrity** and **ethical behavior** that insures the reputation of AKC dog shows as fair and well judged. With common sense, judges can easily avoid situations which might raise ethical questions.

Judges are honest, competent and dedicated. Nevertheless, it is possible to find yourself in an uncomfortable or inappropriate situation. This publication **cannot address every situation**; however it can help you avoid improprieties perceived or otherwise.

Obviously, some rules, policies and guidelines are clear. For example:

- Never solicit or promote assignments. P [Policy]
- Never accept any payments or presents for past or future placements.

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AMATEUR OWNER HANDLER CLASS

(Effective 1/1/2009)

FROM ROBIN L. STANSELL,

AKC VICE PRESIDENT, EVENT OPERATIONS

OBJECTIVE OF THE AMATEUR OWNER HANDLER CLASS

The Amateur Owner Handler Class is part of a Strategic Planning initiative to increase participation in the sport. The intent of this new class is to recognize non-professional owner handlers and to encourage them to compete beyond the breed competition. The judging in this class would still be of the dogs against the breed standard; however, a dog entered in this class could only be handled by its owner. This class is expected to be attractive to both new exhibitors and is planned to be combined with other planned initiatives to encourage experienced owner handlers as well. This class will provide exhibitors another choice of classes to enter.

RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 6 - AMATEUR OWNER HANDLER CLASS

The Amateur Owner Handler class shall be for dogs that are over six months of age that are not champions. Dogs must be handled in the class by the registered owner of the dog. This class is restricted to exhibitors who have not, at any point in time, been a professional

dog handler, an AKC approved judge, or employed as an assistant to a professional handler. Additionally, members of the immediate family or household of a current professional handler are ineligible for this class.

Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.

WHY THIS NAME WAS CHOSEN

Some may object to the term "amateur." It is our hope that the concept will not discourage exhibitors simply due to the objection of the word "amateur." "Amateur" was deliberately chosen to be part of the class description. This word is accepted among a spectrum of sports including equestrian events, golf, collegiate sports, and until recently Olympiads. Amateur is defined by *American Heritage Dictionary* as:

(1) A person who engages in any art, science, study or athletic activity as a pastime rather than a profession.

(2) An athlete who has never participated in competition for money or a livelihood."

Finally, the word "amateur" offers clarity to the definition of the class.

THE 20-80 PHENOMENON

BY PETER GAETA

Over the weekend I was interviewing potential real estate agents with whom to list my home and what came up in the pitch from one of them was "Less than twenty percent of the real estate agents sell more than eighty percent of the properties listed." I have considerable experience in real estate both as a broker and as an investor, and I have heard the line before. In fact, as a broker responsible for more than one large staff, I have lived the phenomenon. It is true, and the phenomenon is not limited to real estate solicitors.

Some agents prepared better, worked harder and sold more. Other agents, regardless of their preparation and work ethic, just did not sell (or list) a lot (no pun intended). As a broker, I chose to hire the productive twenty percent. As a principal, I choose to deal with the productive twenty percent.

Lately, I have been hearing laments of this same twenty/eighty phenomenon in dog show judging and the buzz is growing in frequency. While the same logic may apply in hiring dog show judges as real estate agents, the components are more variable. First, the versatility or the "utilizability," if you will, of a judge is of nearly as much consideration to a selection committee as his ability to do a good job. Second, the pool of available judges grows at a fast rate, and the pool of more utilizable judges grows relatively quickly as well.

There are approximately 3200 approved conformation judges. If 20% (640) of them are highly utilizable and do 80% of the judging (however they want to calculate it) 80% (2560) of them do the remaining 20% of the assignments: Simple arithmetic logic.

AKC approves about 120 new judges each year. That means each year we increase the "80% pool" by about 5%. Using the nine years I have worked for AKC as a bench mark, we have increased that

"80%" pool by 45%. Assignments, or whatever we are calculating, have not/will not increase at that rate.

In 2007 AKC approved 343 applications for an average of nearly six additional breeds each. (After the third or fourth application most are getting eight or more breeds). The majority of ambitious judges beyond their fourth application are cycling through in two years or less. That means 13% of the "80%" pool are rapidly moving toward the highly utilizable category each year.

Judges who start with one breed find that it may take eight or ten years to get a group. Interestingly enough, most of them apply to judge as soon as they are eligible. That means AKC is approving judges for groups who exhibited their first dog less than 20 years before, many of whom have whelped no more than five litters and bred no more than four Champions in any breed. Few would argue that twelve years, five litters and four Champions is too high a standard to judge their first breed. Few stop to think that in eight more years a judge can be approved to judge the rest of the breeds in that group with minimal hands on experience and without one ever stepping foot into his or her home. Considered this way, the present system is very liberal and offers a very fast track.

Then there is demand. The 80% pool grows at a rate of five percent a year. The more utilizable 20% pool grows at a slightly slower rate. The number of All-Breed shows and therefore assignments increased by twelve, and the number of Independent Specialties declined by 14 in 2007. Demand is almost static while supply is growing.

The 80/20 phenomenon occurs in many pursuits in life. It is not an argument. It is no more than an observation on a point in time. With a constant and ever increasing influx of judges, attempts to change the ratio would be like tilting at windmills. Where is Don Quixote when you need him?



JUDGING THE ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL WITH A NATURAL TAIL FROM THE ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA

The English Cocker Spaniel is a docked, hunting breed. The characteristic incessant, merry action of the tail while working in thick, dense cover, normally deeper than the dog is tall, necessitates docking to prevent injury. (Please refer to the previously published directive below). The E.C.S.C.A. does not intend to change the breed standard.

In accordance with A.K.C. rules (Chapter 7, Section 15), you may either choose to excuse an English Cocker with a natural tail as being inconsistent with the standard, or judge the dog, considering the tail

to be a fault. The E.C.S.C.A. will support your decision to excuse, as well as judge, an undocked dog. Should you choose to keep a natural tailed English Cocker in the ring, it is expected that you would prioritize by virtues and factor in faults last.

The natural tail is thick at the root (consistent with the required generous amount of bone), tapering to the end, and ideally not reaching below the hock joint. As this has always been a docked breed, determine the tail carriage by observing the first quarter to third of the tail as the dog is being moved.

A DIRECTIVE FROM THE JUDGE'S EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA

When judging the English Cocker Spaniel, it is important to remember the original purpose of the breed, which is to hunt in very dense cover. It must be understood that the English Cocker pushes through the cover and does not leap over it like the larger Springer or Setter. To function efficiently in this type of terrain and in this manner, the correct "Cockery" dog must have well sprung ribs that are deep and carried well back, a short, broad back, a well-developed forechest, generous bone, a short, broad loin, and

broad and muscular hindquarters. He is a compact, broad, and very powerfully built dog for his size.

The English Cocker must be viewed from above to confirm that the well-sprung ribcage is the widest part of the dog, with an ample chest and a broad, "hammy" rear to support the body. An English Cocker lacking in substance, that is long, narrow, refined, shelly, racy, and/or fine-boned, is "Settery" in appearance, is atypical of the breed, and should not be rewarded.

AKC/DJAA Advanced Toy Institute
In conjunction with Houston, Beaumont and Galveston Kennel Clubs

Houston, TX

4-Day Seminar

Thursday, July 17 - Sunday, July 20, 2008

For additional information, including registration, contact Kathy Caruana, kac1@akc.org (919) 816-3862

To download a registration form, go to: www.akc.org/clubs/seminars/seminars.cfm

2008 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

★ Denotes parent club sanctioned

SPORTING

- KY Louisville — March 12 – 16, 2008**
“Graduate Institute on all Sporting breeds”, sponsored by the Canine Health Education Foundation; Contact Col. Wallace H. Pede; (703) 451-5656, or email Nina Sherrer; nina@k9education.org.
- MA Fitchburg — March 16, 2008**
★ “The Irish Red and White Setter”, Leona Robinson Sponsored by the New England Sporting Group Association; Contact Christine Calcinari; (603) 394-0287; belhaven.nh@comcast.net
- MA Fitchburg — March 16, 2008**
★ “The English Cocker Spaniel”, David Flanagan Sponsored by the New England Sporting Group Association; Contact Christine Calcinari; (603) 394-0287; belhaven.nh@comcast.net
- NC Raleigh — March 22, 2008**
“The Wirehaired Pointing Griffon”, Lonnie Carroll Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919) 362-4738
- NC Raleigh — March 22, 2008**
“The Cocker Spaniel”, Tom Dowell Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919) 362-4738
- CO Longmont — April 4-6, 2008**
“Canine Health Symposium”, Various Presenters Sponsored by the Golden Retriever Foundation; Contact Sheryl Cammarata; (970) 203-9622; endeavors6@nunntelwb.com; www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org
- GA Perry — April 9, 2008**
★ “Irish Water Spaniels Judges Education and Ringside Mentoring”, Betty Wathne Sponsored by the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Colleen McDaniel; PO Box 1409; Bothell, WA 98041; colleen@aocb.com
- OR Albany — April 9-11, 2008**
★ “Judges Education Seminar and Ringside Mentoring” Sponsored by the Flat Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc. in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Helen Szostak; 6644 Abi Lane; Plymouth, MI 48170; (734) 454-0364; grousemoor@aol.com
- AZ Phoenix — April 11-12, 2008**
★ “The Irish Setter-Judges Education and Ringside Mentoring”, Lorraine Bisso & Dr. John Savory Sponsored by the Irish Setter Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Lorraine Bisso; 405 Rosa Avenue; Metairie, LA 70005; (504) 833-1780; regel@bellsouth.net

PA Lancaster — April 16-17, 2008

★ “English Cocker Spaniel Judges Education Seminar”, Members of ECSCA Breed Education Committee Sponsored by the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Judy Corbett; W398 Lienke Rd.; Columbus, WI 53925; (920) 484-3697; jaybriar@centurytel.net

OR Portland — April 26, 2008

“Breeding Seminar with Dr. Hutchinson”, Dr. Hutchinson Sponsored by the Rose city Labrador Retriever Club; Contact Betty Barkley; 14787 NW Joseph Ct.; Portland, OR 97229; barkley61@comcast.net

PA Shawnee on the Delaware — April 26-27, 2008

★ “Canine Reproduction, Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care”, Myra-Savant Harris Sponsored by the Clumber Spaniel Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Helen Caldwell; (503) 350-0541; jgales@verizon.net

CT Manchester — April 27, 2008

“Form and Function of a Golden Retriever”, Barbara Pepper Sponsored by the Connecticut River Valley Golden Retriever Club; Contact Rosalie DeSantis; 592 Benson Road; Middlebury, CT 06762; (203) 598-0445; broadwaygoldens@aol.com

NY Harriman — May 18, 2008

“Canine Reproduction and Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care”, Myra Savant-Harris Sponsored by the Hudson Valley Golden Retriever Club; Contact Fran Hellman; (845) 234-1645; sunjaysgrs@aol.com

RI Warwick — May 30, 2008

★ “The Weimaraner-Seminar, hands-On, Ringside Mentoring”, Kelly Photopoulos Sponsored by the Weimaraner Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Kelly Photopoulos; 2030 Middle Road; Glenshaw, PA 15116; (412) 492-7501; kellyphotopoulos@verizon.net

CT Bethel — July 15, 2008

“Viszla / Weimaraner Comparison”, Alessandra and Patricia Folz Sponsored by the Connecticut Dog Judges; Contact Helene Nietsch; (203) 229-5710; helene.nietsch@ge.com

MO St. Louis — September 13-14, 2008

“Connie Cleveland’s Theory and Problem-Solving Seminar”, Connie Cleveland Sponsored by the Golden Retriever Club of Greater St. Louis; Contact Ruth Ann Favreau; 2673 Glendrive Pl., Maryland Heights, MO 63043; (314) 291-4779; shawneegold@sbcglobal.net

WORKING

MA W. Springfield — March 15, 2008

“The Siberian Husky”, Jean Fournier Sponsored by the Connecticut Working Group Association; Contact Dr. Kenneth Doeg; 6C Sycamore Dr.; Storrs, CT 06268; (860) 429-6113; kdoeg6131@earthlink.net

MA Springfield — March 15, 2008

“The Alaskan Malamute”, Sandy D’Andrea Sponsored by the Connecticut Working Group Association; Contact Dr. Kenneth Doeg; 6C Sycamore Dr.; Storrs, CT 06268; (860) 429-6113; kdoeg6131@earthlink.net

NC Raleigh — March 21, 2008

“The Newfoundland”, Barbara Finch Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919) 362-4738

NC Raleigh — March 21, 2008

“Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Workshop”, Catherine Cooper Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919) 362-4738

NC Raleigh — March 21, 2008

“The Alaskan Malamute”, Vicky Jones Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919) 362-4738

NC Raleigh — March 22, 2008

“The Neapolitan Mastiff”, Jim Deppen Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919) 362-4738

TX Fort Worth — March 22, 2008

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

TX Fort Worth — March 22, 2008

★ “The Samoyed”, Larry Mackai Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Larry Mackai; 7909 Stevens Ave. South; Bloomington, MN 55420; (952) 881-5080; larrymackai@comcast.net

TX Fort Worth — March 22, 2008

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

TX Fort Worth — March 22, 2008

“The Bernese Mountain Dog”, Mary Alice Eschweiler Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com

2008 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

- TX Fort Worth — March 22, 2008**
 “The Akita”, Sylvia Thomas Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com
- CA Bakersfield — March 28, 2008**
 “Great Pyrenees Seminar”, Susan Malinowski Sponsored by the Tri-Valley Working Dog Club of Pinon Hills; Contact Terry Denney-Combs; 14755 Yucca Street; Hesperia, CA 92345; (760) 949-0318; pyrpacker@aol.com
- CA Bakersfield — March 28, 2008**
 “Newfoundland Seminar”, Kim Griffith Sponsored by the Tri-Valley Working Dog Club of Pinon Hills; Contact Terry Denney-Combs; 14755 Yucca Street; Hesperia, CA 92345; (760) 949-0318; pyrpacker@aol.com
- RI Warwick — April 25-26, 2008**
 ★ “Bernese Mountain Dog Judges Study Group and Ringside Mentoring” Sponsored by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Debbie Mulvey; PO Box 325, Waterbury Center, VT 05677; grunberg07@msn.com
- OH Westlake — May 1, 2008**
 ★ “Whelping Dystocia and the Puppy Neonate”, Dr. Robert Hutchison Sponsored by the Great Pyrenees Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Mary McGuire; (740) 743-2002; pyrplus@netpluscom.com
- RI Warwick — May 1-3, 2008**
 ★ “The Newfoundland”, NCA Judges Education Committee Sponsored by the Newfoundland Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Betty McDonnell; 1174 Ramapo Valley Road; Mahwah, NJ 07430; (201) 934-9065; kilykanewf@aol.com
- OH Westlake — May 3, 2008**
 ★ “Great Pyrenees Seminar”, Whit Coombs & Jean Pero Sponsored by the The Great Pyrenees Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Whit Coombs; (717) 359-9459
- IL Crystal Lake — May 8, 2008**
 ★ “Mastiff Standard Seminar and Ringside Mentoring” Sponsored by the Mastiff Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Jessica Watson; 2701 Oakridge Rd., Burleson, TX 76028; (817) 295-3733; oakclair@applink.net
- OH Oxford — May 14, 2008**
 “The ABC's of Dog Breeding”, Claudia Orlandi Sponsored by the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America; Contact Cheryl Gerzabek; 338 Baileyville Rd.; Middlefield, CT 06455; (860) 349-0906; alastairstgmd@comcast.net
- OH Oxford — May 15, 2008**
 ★ “Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs Judge's Education”, Mary Beth Usery Sponsored by the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Mary Beth Usery and Kathy Spencer; 132 Rambling Dr.; Marshfield, MO 65706; (417) 299-3185; sumaswissy@hughes.net
- MN Lake Elmo — May 24-25, 2008**
 ★ “The Rottweiler”, Joan R. Klem Sponsored by the American Rottweiler Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Cathleen Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919) 362-4738; silvrhill@bellsouth.net
- MA W. Springfield — June 15, 2008**
 “The Alaskan Malamute”, Sandy D'Andrea Sponsored by the Connecticut Working Group Association; Contact Dr. Kenneth Doeg; 6C Sycamore Dr.; Storrs, CT 06268; (860) 429-6113; kdoeg6131@earthlink.net
- CT Bethel — June 17, 2008**
 “Molosser Breeds: Neapolitan Mastiff / Dogue de Bordeaux / Bullmastiff”, Jim Deppen Sponsored by the Connecticut Dog Judges; Contact Helene Nietsch; (203) 426-8194; helene.nietsch@ge.com
- NC Apex — August 13, 2008**
 “Standard Schnauzer”, Lori Walker Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathleen Rubens; (919) 362-4738; silvrhill@bellsouth.net
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- HOUND**
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- KY Louisville — March 15, 2008**
 ★ “The Otterhound” Sponsored by the Otterhound Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Arlyne Smith; 293 Lynn Lane; Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1074; (708) 756-7405; arlynebearsden@aol.com
- NC Raleigh — March 18, 2008**
 “The Elkhound”, Rose Martino Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919)362-4738
- NC Raleigh — March 21, 2008**
 “The Rhodesian Ridgeback”, Dudley Hackney Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919)362-4738
- FL Orlando — April 5, 2008**
 “Petits Bassets Griffons Vendeens; Conformation and Character”, Kitty Steidel Sponsored by the Petits Bassets Griffons Vendeens Club of America; Contact Kitty Steidel; ksteidel@aol.com; www.pbgv.org
- TX Dallas — April 8-11, 2008**
 ★ “Irish Wolfhound - Education and Ringside Mentoring”, Jill Bregy & Beverly Little Sponsored by the Irish Wolfhound Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Jill Bregy; 167 Lyons Plains Rd.; Weston, CT 06883; (203) 227-0917; jrbregy@mindspring.com
- GA Perry — April 11, 2008**
 “Hound Seminar” Sponsored by the Harrier Club of America; Contact Kevin Shupenia; (770) 513-7959; kevin@jackpotbgl.com; www.harrierclubofamerica.org
- TX Dallas — April 11-12, 2008**
 ★ “The Dachshund-Judges Education Seminar, Ringside Mentoring and Hands-On Evaluation”, TBA Sponsored by the The Dachshund Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Ann Gordon; 406 North Church Ct.; Gibsonsia, PA 15044; (724) 443-4261; angora119@aol.com
- OR Eugene — April 20-25, 2008**
 ★ “The Whippet”, Denise Tatro Sponsored by the American Whippet Club in Conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Denise Tatro; (817) 297-2398; d_tatro@sbcglobal.net; www.awc2008.com
- KY Lexington — June 6-7, 2008**
 ★ “The Saluki - Judges Education Seminar and Ringside Mentoring” Sponsored by the Saluki Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Linda Scanlon; PO Box 4559; Eagle, CO 81631-4559; (970) 328-7362; aarakis@aol.com
- NC Apex — June 16, 2008**
 “The Dachshund”, Andrew D. Kostic, PhD. Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathleen Rubens; (919) 362-4738; silvrhill@bellsouth.net
- NC Apex — July 16, 2008**
 “Dachshund”, Bob Wlodkowski Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathleen Rubens; (919) 362-4738; silvrhill@bellsouth.net
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- TERRIER**
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- KY Louisville — March 14, 2008**
 ★ “Comparison Between the Smooth Fox Terrier and Wire Fox Terrier” Sponsored by the American Fox Terrier Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Janie Bousek; 19 Setting Sun, W 2649 County Highway VV, Keshena, WI 54135; (715) 799-4360; wbousek@frontier.net
- PA York — March 15, 2008**
 “The Irish Terrier”, Sponsored by the Irish Terrier Club of America; Contact Dave Brown; (610) 933-9741; rifineach1@aol.com.

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- NC Raleigh — March 18, 2008
“The Cairn Terrier”, Chris Carter
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- NC Raleigh — March 20, 2008
“Norfolk Terrier and Norwich Terriers”, Andrew A. Kramer, Ph.D Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919) 362-4738; Cathy@silverhillrottweilers.com
- NC Raleigh — March 21, 2008
“The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier”, Emily Holden Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919)362-4738
- NC Raleigh — March 21, 2008
“The Scottish Terrier”, Gene Hains
Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathleen Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919) 362-4738; cathy@silverhillrottweilers.com
- NC Raleigh — March 21, 2008
“The Kerry Blue Terrier”, Susan Dunivant
Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919) 362-4738; silvrhil@bellsouth.net
- NC Raleigh — March 22, 2008
“The Irish Terrier”, Ed Nagel Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919)362-4738
- TX Fort Worth — March 22, 2008
“The Kerry Blue Terrier”, Nick Fletcher
Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com
- TX Fort Worth — March 22, 2008
“The West Highland White Terrier”, Thomas Barrie Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com
- TX Fort Worth — March 23, 2008
“The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier”, Gay Dunlap Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com
- TX Fort Worth — March 23, 2008
“The Airedale Terrier”, April Clyde
Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com
- TX Fort Worth — March 23, 2008
“The Welsh Terrier”, Carol Beattie
Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@aol.com
- TX Fort Worth — March 23, 2008
“The Lakeland Terrier”, Harold “Red” Tatro Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com
- NJ Stirling — April 5, 2008
“The Structural Priorities in Working Terriers”, Richard Reynolds Sponsored by the Garden State All Terrier Club; Contact Vallei Beckwith; 2 Kennaday Rd.; Mendham, NJ 07945; (973) 543-1809; sandpiper07933@yahoo.com
- CA Sacramento — April 9, 2008
“The ABC’s of Dog Breeding: What Every Breeder Should Know”, Claudia Walker Orlandi, PhD Sponsored by the Northern California Terrier Association; Contact Sue Bachman; 6829 Pleasants Valley Road; Vacaville, CA 95688; (707) 451-8377
- MD Frederick – April 22, 2008
“The Airdale Terrier”, April Clyde
Sponsored by the Mason-Dixon Dog Judges Association; Contact Al Ferruggiaro; (301) 421-1930; alf198@yahoo.com
- TX Dallas — August 23, 2008
“Lakeland Terrier”, Herold “Red” Tatro
Sponsored by the Dallas Fort Worth Judges Association; Contact Michael Heflin; tovarich@msn.com
- TX Dallas — August 23, 2008
“ABC’s of Breeding Seminar”, Dr. Claudia Orlandi Sponsored by the Faith City Kennel Club of Wichita Falls and Southwest Airedales; Contact Joyce Miller; (972) 248-2128; jmillerwolfe@gmail.com; www.southwestairedales.org
- CT Bethel — September 16, 2008
“Parson Russell Terrier / Smooth Fox Terrier / Wire Fox Terrier Comparison”, Stacy Snyder Work and Michale Buckley
Sponsored by the Connecticut Dog Judges; Contact Helene Nietsch; (203) 229-5710; helene.nietsch@ge.com
- MI Howell — March 26, 2008
“English Toy Spaniels”, Karen Miller
Sponsored by the Michigan Dog Judges; Contact Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine; (734) 662-0849; foxairn_3msn.com
- GA Atlanta — April 18-19, 2008
★ “Judges Education Seminar - The Shih Tzu”, Joe Walton and Kristi Trivilino
Sponsored by the American Shih Tzu Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Kristi Trivilino; 8501 35 Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98115; (206) 459-0117; krigar@aol.com; www.shihtzu.org
- MI Howell — April 23, 2008
“Pomeranians”, Fred Dieball and Becky Sabourin Sponsored by the Michigan Dog Judges; Contact Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine; (734) 662-0849; foxairn_3@msn.com
- MD Frederick — April 24, 2008
★ “Judges Education Seminar- The Papillon”, TBA Sponsored by the Papillon Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Carol Frederick; PO Box 372; McMinnville, OR 97128; (503) 852-6822; titian2@embarqmail.com; papillonclub.org
- CA Pomona — May 7, 2008
★ “The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel”
Sponsored by the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Lamont Yoder; woftamk9s@msn.com
- CA Sacramento — May 15, 2008
★ “The Silky Terrier National Specialty Breed Study with Ringside Mentoring”, Florence Males Sponsored by the Silky Terrier Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Florence Males; 11 Swansea Lane; Pleasant Hill, CA 94523; (925) 932-3875; weebly@aol.com
- OK Oklahoma City — May 16-18, 2008
“The Toy Group”, TBA Sponsored by the The Central Oklahoma Toy Dog Club; Contact Janice Pardue; 1539 4th Ave.; Kingsburg, CA 93631; (559) 897-5788; jameldogs@aol.com
- NC Apex — May 21, 2008
“The Pug”, Tina Webb Heres Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathleen Rubens; (919) 362-4738; silvrhil@bellsouth.net
- VA Hampton — May 23-24, 2008
★ “Manchester Terrier Judges Education Seminar & Ringside Mentoring”
Sponsored by the American Manchester Terrier Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Jessica Kemp; (615) 735-9614; dixielanddogs@aol.com
- CT Bethel — May 20, 2008
“Whippet / Greyhound / Italian Greyhound comparison”, Iva Kimmelman
Sponsored by the Connecticut Dog Judges; Contact Helene Nietsch; (203)426-8194; helene.nietsch@ge.com

TOY

KY Louisville — March 12, 2008

★ “Judges Education Seminar”, Lorene Vickers-Smith Sponsored by the American Brussels Griffon Association in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Lorene Vickers-Smith; (517) 323-1945; smithbros@aol.com

KY Louisville — March 16, 2008

★ “Breeders Education Seminar”, Dr. Robert Van Hutchison Sponsored by the American Brussels Griffon Association in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Pam Waldron; 16409 Bennett Rd., Mt. Vernon, WA 98273; endorgriff@comcast.net

2008 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

MI Howell — May 28, 2008

★ "Toy Poodles", Janet Reed Sponsored by the Michigan Dog Judges; Contact Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine; (734) 662-0849; foxairn_3@msn.com

TX Houston — July 17-20, 2008

★ "AKC Advanced Toy Institute" Sponsored by the American Kennel Club; Contact Kathleen Caruana; (919) 816-3862; kac1@akc.org

NON-SPORTING

NC Raleigh — March 22, 2008

★ "The Chinese Shar-Pei", Gayle Creasman Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919) 362-4738

PA Pittsburg — March 29, 2008

★ "The American Eskimo Dog", Debbie Mitchell Sponsored by the American Eskimo Dog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Debbie Mitchell; 11994 Pruett Rd.; Krum, TX 76249; (940) 482-3699; eskie18@earthlink.net

PA Pittsburg — March 29, 2008

★ "American Eskimo Judges Education Seminar", Ruth Sampson Sponsored by the American Eskimo Dog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Ruth Sampson; (650) 572-2575; silveroakseskies@yahoo.com

CT Bethel — April 15, 2008

★ "Shiba Inu / Finnish Spitz Comparison", Adele Gray and Roland Pelland Sponsored by the Connecticut Dog Judges; Contact Helen Nietsch; (203) 426-8194; helene.nietsch@ge.com

WI Oconomowoc — April 22-24, 2008

★ "The Chow Chow - Judges Seminar and Ringside Mentoring", Carmen Blankenship Sponsored by the Chow Chow Club, Inc. in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Carmen Blankenship; (972) 296-9642; carmenblankenship@sbcglobal.net

CA Burlingame — May 7-10, 2008

★ "The Keeshond Judges Seminar and Ringside Mentoring" Sponsored by the The Keeshond Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Tawn Sinclair; (310) 457-3569; tawnsinclr@aol.com

WI Milwaukee — May 20, 2008

★ "Judging the Boston Terrier Seminar and Ringside Mentoring", Carl E. Gomes Sponsored by the Boston Terrier Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Carl E. Gomes; 4408 White Plains Rd., Bonx, NY 10470; (718) 994-0834

HERDING

KY Louisville — March 12, 2008

★ "The Border Collie", Kelly Whiteman Sponsored by the Kentuckiana Tartan Border Collie Club; Contact Kelly Whiteman; (317) 544-9118; bonnidune@yahoo.com

NC Raleigh — March 18, 2008

★ "The Swedish Vallhund", Rose Martino Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919) 362-4738

WI LaCrosse — March 18, 2008

★ "The Collie", John Buddie Sponsored by the Collie Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Darci L. Brown; (413) 498-5006; dbhappyhr@hotmail.com

NC Apex — April 16, 2008

★ "The Australian Shepherd", Susan Moorehead Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathleen Rubens; (919) 362-4738; silvrhil@bellsouth.net

CO Greeley — April 17, 2008

★ "Shetland Sheepdog Judges Education Seminar and Workshop", Linda More Sponsored by the American Shetland Sheepdog Association in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Linda More; (919) 233-9539; lindamore@earthlink.net

IA Waterloo — April 19, 2008

★ "The Canaan Dog", Cheryl Hennings & Arlon D. Duit Sponsored by the Iowa Dog Judges Association; Contact Robert D. Salisbury; (319) 235-6181; salsbury@forbin.net

CT Hamden — May 4, 2008

* "The Belgian Malinois" Sponsored by The American Belgian Malinois Club Association; Contact Marti Moses; (410) 886-2232; covepoint@verizon.net

TN Chattanooga — May 9, 2008

★ "Judge's Education Breed Seminar and Hand's On Workshop", Linda Friedow Sponsored by the American Belgian Tervuren Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Linda Friedow; 1680 Ladd Ave.; Kanawha, IA 50447; (641) 762-3792; anduin@comm1.net.net

KY Fort Mitchell — September 26, 2008

★ "Breed Study Group for Judges", Sponsored by the Briard Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Meg Weitz; (336) 510-7650; mwweitz@aol.com

MISCELLANEOUS

CO Loveland — April 25-27, 2008

★ "Dogue de Bordeaux Judges Education Seminar" Sponsored by the Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Jennifer Roberts; (303) 665-8150; ddbjudgesed@yahoo.com; www.ddbsa.org

CT Bethel — June 17, 2008

★ "Molossor Breeds: Neapolitan Mastiff / Dogue de Bordeaux / Bullmastiff", Jim Deppen Sponsored by the Connecticut Dog Judges; Contact Helene Nietsch; (203) 426-8194; helene.nietsch@ge.com

MULTIPLE BREEDS

CT Bethel — June 17, 2008

★ "Molossor Breeds: Neapolitan Mastiff / Dogue de Bordeaux / Bullmastiff", Jim Deppen Sponsored by the Connecticut Dog Judges; Contact Helene Nietsch; (203) 426-8194; helene.nietsch@ge.com

FSS BREEDS

KY Louisville — March 15, 2008

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

NC Raleigh — March 22, 2008

★ "The Boykin Spaniel", Tina Heinz Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd.; Apex, NC 27523; (919) 362-4738

AKC INSTITUTES

CA Pomona — May 3-4, 2008

★ "AKC Basic Institute for Aspiring and Newly Approved Judges" Sponsored by the American Kennel Club; Contact Kathy Caruana; (919) 816-3862; kac1@akc.org

TX Houston — July 17-20, 2008

★ "AKC Advanced Toy Institute" Sponsored by the American Kennel Club; Contact Kathleen Caruana; (919) 816-3862; kac1@akc.org

MO Kansas City — August 23-24, 2008

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BOYKIN SPANIELS

The Boykin Spaniel carries a unique set of credentials that no other breed of canine can honestly claim. He is a dog originally bred by South Carolina hunters. He was developed initially as the ideal dog for hunting wild turkeys in the Wateree River Swamp during the early 1900s and now beautifully adapts to the dove fields, the duck marshes and the homefires of his modern-day masters. Most individual Boykin Spaniels have a special personality and enthusiastic field ability that no other dog can match.

The much circulated story of where the first Boykin Spaniel came from is simple and without frills. It says that some time shortly after the turn of the century, a small dog was found wandering near a Methodist church in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and one of the people attending services there, a Mr. Alexander L. White, took the dog home as a pet.

The dog apparently displayed some aptitude that might be useful in hunting, so Mr. White sent the dog by train to his hunting partner, Mr. L. Whitaker Boykin of the Boykin community just outside Camden,



South Carolina. With the training know-how of Mr. Boykin, this little stray soon developed into a superb turkey dog and waterfowl retriever.

According to best accounts, the dog was a male, the forerunner of all the Boykin Spaniels in existence today. Other early ancestors of the Boykin are reported to be the Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Springer Spaniel, Cocker Spaniel, and the American Water Spaniel.

The fertile crescent of Boykin Spaniel breeding must be recorded as the rural communities near Camden, Sumter and, of course, Boykin, South Carolina. These spaniels can be found today throughout the United States with a higher concentration on the Atlantic Seaboard.

Camden, South Carolina, was a winter resort for many years and the winter residents recognized the unique characteristics of the Boykin breed. The spread of the Boykin Spaniel to other states, in many instances, can be attributed to Camden's winter visitors who appreciated this breed's attributes as a hunter and a special friend of man.

ATTENTION JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY!

BY AKC EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE MARY DUKES

Those of you who judge the Junior Showmanship classes are reminded that the safety of the juniors and dogs in your ring are your responsibility. The following guidelines should be strictly adhered to:

- You MUST be sure that each class is satisfactorily sorted for size and gaiting speed of dog before moving the class as a group.

- When making placements, if dogs end up out of safe 'size' order, place class while dogs are stacked. Again, NEVER move as a group with smaller dogs in front of larger dogs.
- Split large classes to avoid crowding of dogs and children in ring

Keep safety in mind at all times and enjoy the kids!

THE MEMORY BANK

The AKC Judges Education Department introduces this new quarterly column designed to jog your memory of Canine Anatomy and other Judging terms.

Can you define the following?

Dudley Nose

Smudge Nose

Butterfly Nose

(Answers on page 11)

MISCELLANEOUS CLASS BREEDS

The following breeds will be eligible for competition in the Miscellaneous Class effective July 1, 2008:

Cesky Terrier
Leonberger
Norwegian Lunderhund
Icelandic Sheepdog
Bluetick Coonhound
Cane Corso

Please go to http://www.akc.org/breeds/fss_breeds.cfm for further information on each breed.

BOYKIN SPANIEL BREED STANDARD

APPROVED FEBRUARY 9, 2007

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008

GENERAL APPEARANCE: The Boykin Spaniel was developed in the United States as an all-around hunting dog, with a neat compact body. The Boykin Spaniel is medium in size, with emphasis placed on his hunting abilities, characterized by flushing and retrieving, with moderate speed and agility. With his pendulous ears, intelligent expression, sturdy build and friendly wagging tail proclaim him part of the spaniel family.

SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE: The Boykin Spaniel is built to cover all types of ground conditions with agility and reasonable speed. He should appear as a dog for the endurance of a full day hunt with good but not too heavy bone. He should be kept to a medium size. He should be well-balanced and sound, showing the ability for the breed's intended function. He is solidly built, with moderate bone, and smooth firm muscles. A well balanced dog, somewhat longer than tall. When measured from the point of shoulder to the buttocks it is slightly longer than from the withers to the ground. The ideal height for dogs is 15 ½ - 18 inches at the withers; bitches 14 - 16 ½ inches at the withers. **Faults:** *A dog that is either too long in body or too long in leg is not in keeping with the standard. Dogs that are large or heavy as well as those that are slight shall be equally penalized.*

HEAD: The head must be in proportion with the size of the dog. The Boykin's **Expression** is alert, self-confident, attractive and intelligent. His **Eyes** are varying shades of brown, set well apart, medium size and oval shaped, trusting, and should not be protruding or bulging. The Boykin Spaniels' **Ears** are set slightly above or even with the line of the eye. The leather of the ear is thin and when pulled forward should almost reach the tip of the nose. The ears hang close to the cheeks and are flat. The **Skull** is medium length fairly broad, flat on top, slightly rounded at the sides and back. The occiput bone is inconspicuous. The stop is moderate. When viewed from the side the nasal bone and the top of the skull form two parallel lines. The **Muzzle** is approximately the same length as the skull, viewed from the top the width of the muzzle is approximately 1/2 the width of the skull. The distance from the tip of the nose to the occiput is about the same length as occiput to the base of the neck. The jaws are of sufficient length to allow the dog to carry game easily with no inclination of snipiness. His **Nose** is to be fully pigmented, dark liver in color with well opened nostrils. The **Lips** are close fitting and clean, without excess skin or flews. The **Bite** should be scissors or level but scissors is preferred. **Overshot or undershot bites are serious faults and should be penalized.**

NECK, TOPLINE, BODY: The **Neck** is moderately long, muscular, slightly arched at the crest and gradually blends into sloping shoulders. The **Back** is straight, strong and essentially level. **Loins** are short, strong with a slight tuck up. His **Body** is sturdily constructed but not too compact. The shoulders of the Boykin Spaniel are sloping. The

Brisket is well developed but not barreled, extending to the elbow and not too broad or narrow as to interfere with movement. The croup slopes gently to the set of the tail, and the tail-set follows the natural line of the croup. Tail is docked to a length of 3-5 inches when fully mature. The tails carriage should be carried horizontally or slightly elevated and displays a characteristic lively, merry action, particularly when the dog is on game. A clamped tail (indicating timidity or undependable temperament) is to be faulted as a tail carried at a right angle to the backline.

FOREQUARTERS: The Boykin Spaniels' shoulders are sloping, clean and muscular. His legs medium in length, straight and well boned but not too short as to handicap for field work or so heavy as to appear clumsy. The pasterns strong with no suggestions of weakness. The toes closely grouped, webbed and well padded. The feet are round, compact, well-arched, of medium size with thick pads. Dewclaws should be removed.

HINDQUARTERS: The Boykin Spaniel has well developed hips and thighs with the whole rear assembly showing strength and drive. The hock joint slightly rounded, should not be small or sharp in contour; moderately angulated. Legs from hock joint to foot pad moderate in length, strong and straight with good bone structure. His hocks are parallel.

COAT: The Boykin Spaniel has both an undercoat and an outer coat. The coat can range from flat to slightly wavy, with medium length, on the outer coat. The undercoat is short, and dense. The ears, chest, legs and belly are equipped with light fringe or feathering. His coat may be trimmed to have a well groomed appearance and to enhance the dog's natural lines. It is legitimate to trim about the head, throat, ears and feet to give a smart, functional appearance. A rough, curly or harsh coat or no undercoat is to be penalized.

COLOR: The Boykin Spaniel color is solid - rich liver, brown or dark chocolate. A small amount of white on chest or toes is permitted. No other white markings are allowed.

GAIT: The Boykin Spaniel moves effortlessly with good reach from well laid back shoulders at an angle that permits a long stride that is in balance with the rear quarters for strong driving power. Viewed from the rear the hocks should drive well under the body following on a line with the forelegs neither too widely or too closely spaced. As speed increases it is natural for the legs to fall to a center line of travel. Seen from the side it should exhibit a good, long forward stride

TEMPERAMENT: The typical Boykin is friendly, a willing worker, intelligent and easy to train. The Boykin Spaniel thrives on human companionship and gets along well with other dogs and children. He shows great eagerness and energy for the hunt yet controllable in the field. Any sign of excessive aggression towards other dogs is not acceptable and should be penalized. Excessive shyness is to be equally penalized.

LETTER FROM THE BASSET HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Dear Judges Workshop/Study Group Administrator,

The Basset Hound Club of America (BHCA) has recently revised our breed CD for Judges Education. With applications to judge our breed on the rise, the BHCA wishes to insure that those individuals showing interest in judging the Basset Hound have the best information available from the Parent Club.

Our new CD includes prioritizing breed characteristics, an in-depth explanation of the standard, breed specific examination, and ranking of exhibits presented in a mock class. The CD, along with our selected presenters and, if time and space are available, a hands-on session, will help to further the understanding and priorities of the Basset Hound breed for your workshop or study group participants.

In an effort to expand our resources, many experienced breeders and judges are being utilized to work on our seminar and workshop presentations. To meet the growing needs of future Basset Hound judge applicants, our newly appointed Judges Education Committee has coordinated breeders and judges across the country as mentors and presenters who meet our demanding BHCA mentor/presenter guidelines. The BHCA has selected these individuals for their extensive experience with, and knowledge of, the breed and has or will be working with all on the "how to" of presenting to new and experienced judges within varied study groups. As a result, more

seminars and more workshops will be available to those interested. Ringside mentoring at All Breed and Specialty shows is also available upon request. A list of qualified mentors can be obtained from any of our committee members.

The BHCA requests that all Judges Workshop/Study Group Administrators make their request to our Judges Education Committee Chair Mrs. Betsy Deans. She will then contact you and discuss an assigned presenter who will work with you to finalize all arrangements.

We are proud to introduce the following members of our newly appointed Judges Education Committee:

Mrs. Betsy Deans, Chairman, betdeans@aol.com, 770-307-8184

Mrs. Barb Cromley, lochopt@aol.com, 607-539-6087

Mrs. Joani Rush, joanirush@comcast.net, 916-682-7850

Mrs. Sharon Calhoun, byucal@aol.com, 337-598-2447

Thank you for any attention and consideration you can provide as the BHCA will enthusiastically work with you to introduce the Basset Hound breed at your Judges' workshop, seminar or study group.

Sincerely,

Randy Frederiksen

President, Basset Hound Club of America

ETHICS, HONESTY AND COMMON SENSE

continued from front page

- Advise potential exhibitors not to enter under you when their presence or the presence of their dogs might give the impression of unfair advantage, P [Policy] For example, if the exhibitor is:

- ... your employer or an employee.

- ... a relative.

- ... a person with whom you co-own dogs.

- ... a person with whom you travel to dog shows.

These are only examples. The key is to avoid all situations that are likely to give the **impression** of impropriety. You must do everything possible to keep your reputation above reproach. P [Policy]

First, it is important to understand that AKC feels that every approved judge is honest, competent and dedicated, and that each possesses and projects a commitment to **integrity** and **ethical behavior** to insure the reputation of AKC dog shows as fair and well judged. That much is explicit. Since no document could list every possible alternative, good and bad, to protect the integrity of the sport and the judge, the judge is expected to understand and conduct himself according to the spirit of the policies and guidelines. Toward that end, AKC expects that all judges will exercise common

sense to avoid situations which might raise ethical questions. When it appears that a situation or scenario must be rationalized in order to make it conform to what is written, it probably does not conform to the spirit of the policies and the guidelines.

Regarding Ownership: when transfers of ownership are made in contemplation of the dates of judging assignments, the transfer itself is being done or is timed to avoid a perceived impropriety. When that is the case, it certainly raises an ethical question. Ownership is being arranged so a dog can be exhibited.

Regarding Handlers: if an entry is made or a dog is delivered to a handler on a date in contemplation of the date of a judging assignment, it is obviously timed to avoid a perceived impropriety. When that is the case, it certainly raises an ethical question. From the time you and a handler have agreed where and when the handler is to show a dog for you until four months after the last time he or she shows for you, AKC considers a business relationship to exist. It is the judge/client's responsibility to explain this to the handler at the time of hire.

AKC Policy is not intended to discourage judges from exhibiting dogs and using professional handlers. However when the ownership, entry or handling of a dog is adjusted to accommodate a judging assignment, there is an issue that may put judging privileges in jeopardy.

DOWN AND BACK... AND PUT YOUR SKYE ON THE TABLE, PLEASE!

By SANDRA GOOSE ALLEN

Objective: Your goal is to give every exhibitor an unbiased evaluation of their dog. I hope you will allow puppies and dogs, in the ring for the first time, extra patience and time because they need to have a positive, gentle experience for their future career.

For the novice exhibitor, please make them feel confident and comfortable. Just as we started, they may be future judges.

Stand back from the table, look at and evaluate the profile, outline and attributes of the dog. Look at the length of the back, topline and overall balance.

Be sure the dog is aware of your being in front of his head, remembering how thick the veil of hair is covering his eyes. Put your hand under the chin and push the hair back with your other hand to expose the head and eyes. The head should be long and powerful, moderate back skull tapering to a strong muzzle. There should be a slight stop. Check for a bite that is either level or slightly overlapping [upper teeth slightly overlapping the lower, ed.].

Ears can be either Prick or Drop. Prick ears are medium in size and placed high on the skull. Drop ears are somewhat larger and lie flat on the head.

Eyes should be dark brown, medium in size. The nose is always black.

When you examine the body, run your hands down what should be the long, well arched neck that flows gradually and smoothly into the shoulders. The shoulders should be well laid back with tight placement at the elbows. Next move your hands down the

front legs. You should feel the substantial and sturdy bones of the legs. The chest should be deep and broad with well-sprung ribs and depth of chest extending approximately to point of elbows. Cup the palm of your hand around the deep brisket to ensure that it is well filled. Drop your hand between the front legs to check the straight front legs that curve slightly around the chest.

Move to the side of the table and run your hand down what should be the arched neck, the level topline and the strong, well muscled loin. The tail should be a continuation of the topline.

The hindquarters should be well-angulated, muscular, and straight with well bent stifles and well let down hocks.

Feel the texture of the coat. It should be double, hard, straight and flat.

Now it is time to see the Skye in all of its beauty on the ground. The legs should proceed straight forward. The dog should have good reach in front and extension behind.

He should move with head high, smooth flowing, effortless with elegance. His topline should remain firm.

When the dog is coming toward you, you want to see two front legs and a powerful forechest. Going away, you want to see good angulation and powerful back legs traveling straight forward.

If you want to re-examine the Skye, always put the dog back on the table.

A Dudley, flesh-colored or brown nose shall disqualify.

“Blessed is the person who has earned the love of an old dog.”

– Sidney Jeanne Seward

PHOTO OPS OR PHOTO OOPS?

By ROZ KRAUS

During the course of your day while judging, many exhibitors will request photographs. Please do your best to accommodate requests by exhibitors. Naturally, judging should not be delayed to take photographs. But let's face facts: all it takes is a minute to find the photographer or an area to take a photo. The exhibitor has paid their entry for your opinion, and they are thrilled with it! Basically, they just paid your fees! Speaking of fees, you are working for the

club and are contracted for a day's work.

In an era when courtesy and polite manners mean so much to new people in the sport, a little PR goes a long way. Keep the enthusiasm up! Keep the momentum going for the exhibitor! It may be their first show, or their first dog, or their first group. Keep 'em coming back! Be encouraging. What's the old saying?

Eliminate the Negative and Accentuate the Positive!

MEMORY BANK ANSWERS From page 8: Dudley Nose: Flesh-colored. Smudge Nose: A normally solid black, but acquires pink streak in winter. Also called "winter nose". Butterfly Nose: A partially unpigmented nose; i.e., dark, spotted with flesh color.

Meet the AKC Dog Show Judges Division Staff

KATHY CARUANA, JUDGING EDUCATION COORDINATOR



While Kathy's responsibilities include many other tasks, most of you will remember her as the coordinator who processed your first application and the contact who coordinates AKC Institutes.

She was born in Buffalo, New York and grew up in that area. Kathy is the eldest of three girls and grew up in a household that included her grandmother and a female dog. She explains that her loving father did not stand a chance. The ladies in the household learned to enjoy camping, and dad supported the girl things. It had to be quite a household, as Kathy is quite a live wire in the office. Kathy, her husband Rick and their two children moved to Raleigh in 1998.

As a young girl, Kathy was active in the Girl Scouts and studied dance where she competed on a National level. She danced her way to the Miss Erie County East title in 1975. In addition to all the normal demands of wife and mother, Kathy was a cheerleader for a major indoor soccer league, a Girl Scout leader and very active in PTA. Her two children, Leah (20) and Nick (17) have followed in her talented footsteps and are pursuing interests in the entertainment field as they finish their educations.

Kathy has lived with dogs all of her life and presently is the lap for Sissy, a German Shepherd/Collie mix. A number of fellow employees have and bring their Australian Shepherds to work, and Kathy has discovered the breed. Kathy admits "The Australian Shepherds I have met here

are beautiful and have been so good natured. I would love to be the parent of one someday."

Kathy joined AKC in Customer Service 5 years ago and came to Judging Operations in April of 2006.

YOUR PART IN THE FUTURE OF OUR SPORT

By EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE LINDA HURLEBAUS

How important is each individual to the future of our sport? Everyone that participates in dog shows from the first time exhibitor to the seasoned breeder, Provisional Judge to the All Breed Judge, Junior Showmanship entrant to the Professional Handler, are ALL the heart and blood of our sport.

As a judge you are one of the most visible aspects of dog shows. The impression you make each day with the exhibitors, stewards, and spectators is the first and last impression newcomers to our sport take away with them.

It is important that we join in welcoming new people and be encouraging. A smile goes a long way and takes no additional time.

Be pleasant to everyone because while you examine that dog and interact with that exhibitor you are the ambassador for the sport. The newcomer who doesn't handle their dog well yet, or has a lesser quality dog, pays the same entry fee and is deserving of the same amount of time and personal attention as those exhibitors we are familiar with. We need to be encouraging, patient, and knowledgeable in our interactions with everyone during the day.

The day can be as pleasant as you make it. You are the focal point of your ring. The newcomer can walk away with a good experience and return or never come back. Ask yourself at the end of the day – "Was I not only satisfied with my decisions, but was I a good ambassador for the sport?"

FROM THE AMERICAN MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB

Our American Miniature Schnauzer Club breed standard includes two disqualifications: for size and for color:

*Color solid white or white striping, patching, or spotting on the colored areas of the dog, except for the small white spot permitted on the chest of the black. The body coat color in salt and pepper and black and silver fades out to light gray or silver white under the throat and across the chest. Between them there exists a natural body coat color. Any irregular or connecting blaze or white mark in this section is considered a white patch on the body, which is also a disqualification.

*Dogs or bitches under 12 inches or over 14 inches. This

measurement applies to both sexes and to any Miniature Schnauzer in the ring, regardless of age.

While the color disqualifications are apparent to the eye, the size disqualifications are more difficult to judge just by looking. The Board of Directors of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club would like to encourage you to use the official AKC wicket to measure any dog whose size you may question. Maintaining correct size in our breed is important to the future of Miniature Schnauzers.

Sincerely,
Wyoma Clouss, Judges Education Chair
For the Board of the AMSC

A LETTER FROM THE AMERICAN WIREHAIRD POINTING GRIFFON ASSOCIATION

FROM LINDA J. GAGNON, JUDGES' EDUCATION COORDINATOR

The American Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Association breed standard states in its second paragraph, that which addresses size, proportion and substance: "Size 22-24 inches for males, 20-22 inches for females. Correct size is important. **Oversize to be severely penalized**". In size, as in all aspects of the breed, the standard is based on the function of the dog and its primary purpose. The WPG is a versatile dog, which is to say it works equally well on upland game and waterfowl, on land and in water. Historically, the breed hunted the polders of the Netherlands and the marshes of coastal and inland France. They hunted from small boats with their owners, as well as on foot. Size is, therefore, a basic piece of the WPG puzzle. There is no disqualification for oversized dogs, only the above noted "penalty". The latter gives a judge the leeway to put up an otherwise good dog over a mediocre or poor one. It does not, however, give blanket approval to putting large dogs over correctly sized dogs of equal quality.

The AWPGA would also call judges' attention to the portion of the standard that deals with coat. After noting that the coat is a double coat, the standard speaks to the following: "The outer coat

is medium length, straight and wiry, never wooly." The rationale behind the Griffon's coat is that the straight, wiry, medium length coat protects the dog in rough cover. The AWPGA defines medium length, for our purposes, as 2" – 3" in length. We ask that judges not reward coats that do not, at least closely approximate, this requirement. The term "wiry" is frequently interpreted as harsh, and that definition is acceptable to a point, but the coat must be straight. Bear in mind that this breed remains active in the field more often than in the show ring, yet usually functions in both arenas. A wooly, silky or curly coat is quite inappropriate for dogs that retrieve upland game from brush, field, and other deep cover.

As owners and breeders of Wirehaired Pointing Griffons, we remain committed to the duality of our breed. It is our goal that the Griffon function equally well in the field and in the show ring. Please read our standard with our goal in mind and apply the standard from that perspective. Form follows function in this breed as in all others. Please keep the function of this breed in mind when viewing its form and choosing your winners. Your choices impact the continued development of our breed. Please choose your winners thoughtfully and well.

FROM THE OTTERHOUND CLUB OF AMERICA

BY ARLYNE SMITH, JUDGES EDUCATION CHAIR,
OTTERHOUND CLUB OF AMERICA

Otterhound owners would like judges to be aware of the fact that many, if not most, Otterhounds entered in breed classes are probably owner handled. A good number of those owners are fairly novice when it comes to ring experience, and their dogs, though they may have attended classes, are also treading in new and strange territory when they enter a real dog show ring. Our standard states that an Otterhound can be boisterous, but what it fails to tell you is they are, in spite of their size and often rambunctious behavior, a very sensitive breed, and also they NEVER forget a bad experience. It isn't hard to pick out the novice handler. You might even find them as a Special or in the Group ring. We Otterhound fanciers ask that you consider these facts when approaching our hounds. We all were beginners at one time, some as youngsters, some later in life. As with anything else, the kids seem to pick it up quickly; those with a few years under their belt might find it a bit more difficult.

Approach the exhibit from the front; make sure the hound is aware of your presence, not tussling with the handler. Extend your hand, palm down, for the dog to sniff and acknowledge you. Rather than going directly to examine the bite, begin your evaluation of the

head by smoothing down the hair to check the skull, ear set, and proportions. Then either have the handler show you the bite, or do so yourself. After going over the head, move to the side to examine neck, shoulders, forechest, etc. rather than looming over the hound from the front. Work your way to the rear quarters as you would any other breed, in a quiet, thorough way. Checking testicles does not have to be a big production, easily done after evaluating the length of tail, or as you feel thighs and second thighs. If you want to check feet for webbing and thickness of pads it can be done at the end of the examination as the hound might break the stack and there would be no need to pose again. The easiest and least obtrusive way to check feet is to lift the front foot back, as a farrier would.

If you have an exhibit that obviously is having a bad day, won't stack, spinning around etc., and the handler can't seem to get it to cooperate, it is best not to push it that day. You might let the handler move the hound to see if that will help settle it, and then attempt whatever brief exam as possible. It is far better for that hound to stand at the bottom of the class that day, rather than forcing it into a situation of trauma. Mentally it will always associate that bad experience with the show ring venue. There will always be another day - and for that hound, may it be a better day.

JUDGING OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

We welcome our newest member of the department, Ashley Soden. Ashley replaced Amanda Abel, who accepted another position within the AKC.

For your information and convenience, following is the contact information and area of responsibility for Judging Operations Staff.

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The entire Staff in Judging Operations is prepared to help you understand and progress through the judging approval process. Do not hesitate to write or call if you need assistance.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT DEMONSTRATIONS

By AKC EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE LEE HERR

When an Applicant arrives at a breed Interview, they are there to demonstrate their knowledge of the Breed and ability to correctly Judge that Breed. Checking for any Breed Disqualification is a key component of the Judging Procedure. All Applicants applying for a breed which has a height or weight DQ (or class divisions involving height or weight) are **required to demonstrate** the proper use of the wicket and/or scales **at the time of the interview**. Even judges already approved for measurable/weighable breeds must demonstrate their facility with the wicket and/or scale.

It is imperative the applicant be familiar with and understands the proper and accurate procedure for measuring or weighing an

exhibit. This part of the interview will include, but not be limited to, the use of the Wicket or Scales, handling measurement requests, and correctly marking the Judges' book. This crucial segment of the approval process will be performed **during** the interview. Applicants who fail a measurement test will be retested after 90 days.

AKC Field Representatives are just one of the many resources available to answer questions and offer assistance concerning the correct procedures. However, it is the **applicant's** responsibility to **be prepared** for the interview. Exhibitors expect and deserve a fair and accurate examination of their exhibit. In return, Judges are rewarded with their respect.

FITNESS TO JUDGE

By AKC EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVES DELORES BURKHOLDER AND ALLEN ODOM

TO REMIND ALL JUDGES, the Judges Guidelines state that as a dog show judge, you **must** be capable of performing the functions necessary to properly judge the dogs. This means you are **physically fit** and also have the ability to perform the skills listed in the Judges Observation Report. You have a responsibility to the clubs and the exhibitors to be totally capable of performing the job for which you have contracted. Your reputation in the dog community is at stake.

Some of the procedural skills that are evaluated by the field reps are: checking armband numbers in all classes, ability to maneuver in the ring efficiently, safely examining dogs in a breed specific manner, excusing or disqualifying dogs, measuring and weighing dogs with breed disqualifications and marking the judges book correctly including absentees and awarding the correct ribbons and

maintaining the scheduled times of judging. The above skills must be accomplished without the aid of the ring stewards. Deficiencies will be noted on the Judges Observation Report and discussed at the show.

If you have any concerns about accepting assignments at outdoor or indoor sites where heat, cold, wet weather or altitude are a concern, do not accept the assignment. If you become ill while judging, and it becomes necessary to find a replacement, you cannot continue your assignment later in the day. The show committee has the right to make the decision to replace you due to health concerns that affect your ability to competently judge dogs.

We all reach the point in our lives where we may need to appoint two or three of our dog friends and ask them to be brutally honest and tell us when it is time to slow down or stop judging. Your skills, reputation and dedication will be honored.

BEUCERON POINTS

*By EARL KARAS, JUDGES EDUCATION CHAIRMAN
AMERICAN BEUCERON CLUB*

At a recent show a comment was overheard that the Beauceron people needed to decide if the breed is a herding dog or a guard dog. I thought that I might take the opportunity to go over some of the points that may be confusing to judges that are just now beginning to see the breed

A Beauceron is a Herding dog. This was the initial purpose and remains so today although it is now used as a multi-purpose dog. The dog was used to herd over various terrains and move herds of sheep and cattle over large distances that might range from 30 to 50 miles. While light bone causes less fatigue we feel a moderate bone is more suited to rough ground and long distances. However, too heavy of bone is not correct either. The key word is moderate.

The dog also must have double dewclaws and anything less than the double dew claws must be disqualified. Unlike the Briard, our dewclaws are out in the open for everyone to see. It is not necessary to feel for them. You should be able to visually see the dewclaws. The dewclaws should also have nails on them but a lack of nail is not a disqualification. Sometimes it is difficult to see the nail and you must feel when in doubt. No matter how small the nail, if it is there,

it is acceptable. The lack of a nail is considered a fault.

When you look at a Beauceron you should get a picture of strength and power. Dogs are slightly longer than tall, at the withers, and the bitches are slightly longer than the dogs. The Beauceron is a well-muscled dog that is capable of working all day. The typical day for a Beauceron is to work in the pastures all day and stay with the family at night providing protection if necessary. We believe the Beauceron is closely related to the Briard and there are many similarities, although today the Beauceron appears to have more substance.

The head is very important and should carry a great deal of consideration when judging the breed. The head should be viewed as a collection of rectangles. Viewed from the side the muzzle should look like a rectangle. The head should also give the appearance of a rectangle. When viewed from the top the muzzle should again look like a rectangle. A pointed or snippy nose should be penalized. The skull is also a rectangle and the distance from the occiput to the stop should be the same length as from the stop to the point of the nose. The skull is relatively flat and rounded at the edges. The plane of the skull should be parallel to the plane of the muzzle.

JUST THE FAQ'S

By KATIE RUDOLPH

Question: When do I get my breed standard tests during the application process?

Answer: When an application is submitted to Judging Operations (together with a Pre-Application Interview report from a Field Representative), that application is reviewed in preparation for an upcoming Staff Meeting. The applicant is scheduled for an Interview, based on dates provided by the applicant, with a Field Representative. The applicant is then notified by letter of the upcoming interview date. The Interview Synopsis must be completed, signed and returned to Judging Operations prior to the scheduled Staff Meeting. After the Staff Meeting, which is held the second Tuesday of each month, a letter with "breeds accepted" is sent by mail. This letter includes your breed standard tests. Applicant names and breeds are printed in the next Gazette. A month following The Gazette publication, the applicant receives Provisional Status and is then able to accept assignments provided the breed tests have been passed. Provisional notification letters are mailed the first of each month.

Simply put: a) Application received b) Interview c) Staff Meeting d) Gazette publication e) Breed Tests, f) Provisional Status g) Gazette publication.

Question: What information can be accessed in the On-Line Directory?

Answer: Besides your contact information and a list of Approved and Provisional breeds, you can also access your Future and Past Assignments at the bottom of your information page. In "Past Assignments" you can review all the information including the names of the dogs entered with the class placements. If you have any questions on how to use the Directory please call or email Judging Operations. (The On-Line Directory can be found on the AKC website at www.akc.org/judges_directory/).

Question: I lost my Breed Standards! How can I replace them?

Answer: Contact Judging Operations by email or phone to request new standards. One set is provided to you free of charge. Additional standards may be purchased along with the breed standard binder in the AKC Store – Go to www.akc.org/store Rules, Regulations and Resources, or call the Order Desk at: 919-233-9767.



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