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# AKC JUDGES INSTITUTE-

he AKC Judge's Institute is taking on a new format this year. The program is being revised and will be conducted over a long weekend, August 8-11, in Plano, Texas. Included will be presentations by Mr. Edd Bivin, Mrs. Anne Clark, Mrs. Patricia Trotter and AKC Staff.

### Topics to be covered will include:

The Philosophy of Judging Anatomy as Applied to Judging Form and Function Prioritizing Examination Technique The Judging Approval Process Judging Junior Showmanship Rules and Regulations



The classroom presentations will be supplemented by practical experiences with classes of dogs each afternoon. Applications may be received by contacting Karen Reuter, kar@akc.org or 919-816-3594.

# New Breeds — German Pinscher and Toy Fox Terrier

n accordance with the May 2002 Board of Directors meeting the German Pinscher will be accepted into the Working Group and the Toy Fox Terrier will be accepted into the Toy Group, and be eligible for competition on January 1, 2003. Judges Illustrated Guides are being developed for the breeds and

will be mailed to All-Breed, Working and Toy Group Judges.

In June 2002, the Judging Operations Department will be sending to All-Breed, Working and Toy Group judges an open-book test (with standards) for their completion and return.

On **July 1**, **2002**, individuals who were approved to judge the

Working and Toy Groups received automatic approval for these breeds to facilitate the processing of judging panels for events to be held after January 2003.

Members of the fancy who can demonstrate significant background in these breeds may apply under the **adjunct system**.

Examples of 'significant background' would be:

• if you have several years experience owning, breeding or handling the breed and/or

• if you have judged the Parent club National Specialty or a Rare Breed Association show with **multiple** entries.

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# **Examination Technique, Dentition and Bites**

judge's examination technique expresses to the Lexhibitors and those observing their knowledge of the breed standard and basic anatomy. It is recommended that each breed seminar include the appropriate examination technique for the breed, which is to include the bite and mouth.

Currently there is at least one breed in each of the groups that calls for full dentition in the breed standard, however it is distressing that many judges are not including the examination of full dentition in their procedure. In fact, in watching many Terrier and Toy judges you would think a judge should barely look at bites.

In attending several National Specialties this spring it was disappointing to hear judges reflect on the problems with missing teeth in breeds that called for full dentition, appeared judges were only it examining bites. The conclusion to be drawn from this is that the exhibits may be missing incisors, as the judge did not bother to check beyond the bite. It is a judge's

responsibility to judge by the breed standard, which includes checking the exhibits mouth for full dentition where it is called for in the breed standard. The following is a list of the breeds whose standards call for full dentition and those with breed standard disqualifications for missing teeth: \* indicates a disqualification.

Golden Retriever, Labrador Retriever (preferred), Field Spaniel, Weimaraner (greatly desired), Bernese Mountain dog, Doberman Pinscher\*, Giant Schnauzer, Great Dane, Komondor, Kuvasz, Rottweiler\*, Standard Schnauzer, Jack Russel Terrier\*, Manchester Terrier, Welsh Terrier,

### **New Breeds**

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Applicants who meet these requirements may apply by requesting an adjunct application from the Judging Operations Department at (919) 816-New Judges must 3588. pass Procedural and Anatomy exams, before we continue to process their application. The application should be completed and returned no later than July 15, 2002, in order to arrange an interview prior to September 16th.

Havanese, Toy Manchester Terrier, Lowchen, Shiba Inu, Tibetian Spaniel, Bearded Collie, Belgian Malinois\*, Belgian Sheepdog, Belgian Tervuren, German Shepherd Dog, Polish Lowland Sheepdog, Puli, Bauceron\*, Black Russian Terrier, German Pinscher, Glen of Imaal Terrier, Neopolitan Mastiff, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, Toy Fox Terrier.

In addition to the problems with full dentition that exist, occlusion, or the meeting of the teeth when the mouth is closed, was brought up at the English Cocker National during the Judges Education presentation.

> Requesting that judges pay particular attention to the location of the lower canines, as there seems to be a growing problem with one of the lower canines being set inside the teeth, which may eventually cause damage to the palate and misalignment of the bite.

> How wry is wry? Wry is defined as an asymmetrical alignment of upper and lower jaws; cross bite. Wry bites are a problem in many breeds and one that does not improve with age. In fact

as breeders we all remember checking puppies' mouths ad nauseum and praying that they stay. It is most distressing to hear judges' conversations with such comments as, "Wry mouths don't bother me, in fact I just awarded a puppy with a wry mouth a major."

We should all recognize that wry mouths are hereditary and that by awarding these types of faults we are contributing to their use in the gene pool. Perhaps we need to remind ourselves that we are evaluating breeding stock and the ones awarded championship points may end up contributing to the future gene pool of this breed.



Adjunct application will be presented to the Board of Directors at its November 2002 meeting for final consideration.

Judges accepted for the balance of the Working Group and Toy Group prior to October 15th, must take and pass the breed standard test and will receive provisional status in conjunction with the remaining breeds in the group.

Any judge who has missed the adjunct system deadline may apply to judge this breed under the current application process.

# **Conversations at Ringside -Tail Carriage in Sporting Breeds**

A breeder relatively new to Sporting dogs, but not new to dogs, commented that a judge had told her that her Spinone did not win because it did not carry its tail up. She added that perhaps the judge was not familiar with the Spinone standard's requirement that the tail be "carried horizontally or down" and was applying the same thought process as that for the Sporting breeds that carry their tails straight up. She was a little surprised to learn that no Sporting breed standard asks for a tail to be carried straight up, as the appearance of the dogs in the ring at Group time suggested to her that high tail carriage must be desired in many of the breeds.

While tail carriage and tail set are structurally interrelated, they are not the same thing and are usually separately described in breed standards. We have all seen dogs with low tail sets and high tail carriage, and vice versa. A review of the Sporting breed standards will reveal that while some do not give a desired carriage, and a couple only offer "should nots," most provide some description of the desired tail carriage.

Typical are the following statements regarding tail carriage: "horizontal" (German Shorthaired); " should follow the topline in repose or when in motion" (Labrador); "carried straight and level with the back" (English Setter) "carried on a line with the topline of the back, or slightly higher, never straight up...." (Cocker); "carried horizontally or slightly elevated" (English Springer); "carried at or near the horizontal" (Vizsla). You might like to conduct your own review and see how the other Sporting breed standards describe tail carriage.

When judging, one must of course never lose sight of the whole dog. We at AKC continue to stress the importance of first focussing on a dog's virtues and then deciding how much to forgive its faults. However, when incorrect attributes such as faulty tail carriage become common, it may be time to pay more attention to those deficiencies and offer them less forgiveness.

# A Letter from the Miniature Pinscher Club of America



The Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc. would like ask judges to take a moment to review the Miniature Pinscher standard as we wish it to be judged. Our standard has four (4) disqualifications. These are not faults, but as

written and approved in the standard, are disqualifications.

SIZE: UNDER 10" AND OVER 12 1/2" IN HEIGHT. This disqualification applies without regard to the age or class entered. Judges should always measure if there is any question as to the size of the exhibit. Ignoring an entry because it is "thought" to be too large or small does a disservice to the breed and the exhibitor. Judges are responsible for upholding our breed standard.

ANY COLOR OTHER THAN LISTED. The Miniature Pinscher standard clearly allows only the accepted colors of Red, Stag Red, Black with rust/red markings and Chocolate with rust/red markings. If a Min Pin of any other color appears in the ring, it **must** be disqualified.

THUMB MARK (PATCH OF BLACK HAIR SUR-ROUNDED BY RUST ON THE FRONT OF THE FORE-LEG BETWEEN THE FOOT AND THE WRIST: ON CHOCOLATES, THE PATCH IS CHOCOLATE HAIR). Often misunderstood in judging Miniature Pinschers, the important thing to remember is that the patch of black or chocolate hair must be **completely** surrounded by the rust/red coloring. Exhibited dogs may have black or chocolate markings running down the foreleg, sometimes all the way to the toes. This is a deviation from correct markings, but not a disqualification. If the black or chocolate hair on the wrist or pastern is connected in any way to the black or chocolate hair above, it may **not** be disqualified. Conversely, if judges find the black or chocolate hair on either wrist or pastern to be completely surrounded by red or rust hair, the dog must be disqualified. Remember too that sometimes only one leg may be thumb marked; this is also a disqualification.

WHITE ON ANY PART OF DOG WHICH EXCEEDS ONE-HALF (1/2) INCH IN ITS LONGEST DIMENSION: White markings are most often seen on the chest and feet, but can appear in other places. Judges may check the throat, belly and insides of the legs if white markings are suspected in these areas. A scattering of white hair, or "frost" seen on the chest is not a disqualification.

In conclusion, we wish to emphasize positive judging: rewarding proper structure, movement and soundness. Deviations should be penalized to the extent of the deviation. We also recommend all approved, provisional and aspiring Miniature Pinscher judges read the "MPCA Illustrated Breed Study Guide" for a more complete discussion of the Miniature Pinscher standard.

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### 2002 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

#### \* Sanctioned by the Parent Club

#### SPORTING

#### **\***Retriever, Chesapeake Bay

August 8 & 9 — Carlisle, PA Contact Lisa Van Loo, (607) 869-5017.

#### **\***Retriever, Curly Coated

November 8 — Longmont, CO contact Kathryn Cowsert, (925) 202-9000; kcowsert@hotmail.com.

#### **\*Retriever, Golden**

October 31 — Orlando,FL Contact Laurie Doumaux; (703) 250-4835; e-mail: oahunorth@aol.com.

#### \*Retriever, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling

October 11 — St. Louis, MO Contact Peggy Park, (303) 288-7960; e-mail: parklake@netusa1.net.

#### **\***Spaniel, Cocker

July 12 - 14 — San Antonio, TX Contact Beth Speich, (608) 588-2950;bspeich@mhtc.net;or Wilma Parker; (513) 759-0329; e-mail: wilmap@cinci.rr.com.

#### **\***Spaniel, English Springer

August 1 -3 — Olympia, WA Contact Judith Anderson, (630) 983-8454.

#### \*Viszla

November 14 — Prescott, AZ Contact Dr. Sylvia Kerr;(303) 759-2474; e-mail: sylvia.ker@uchsc.edu.

#### **\***Wirehaired Pointing Griffon

Septemebr 26-29 — Romulus, NY Contact Elaine Hunsicker; (610) 648-9474; e-mail: Firesidegriffons@msn.com/.

#### HOUND

#### **\*Beagle**

September 30 - October 2 — Aldie, VA Contact Kathy Forbes; (515) 278-

5008.

### \*English Foxhound

November 1 — Knoxville, TN Contact Emily Latimer; (864) 473-1045; e-mail: englishfoxhound@att.net

#### **\***Scottish Deerhound

July 25 — Lompoc,CA Contact Rusty Kingery, (425) 557-9656.

#### All Hound Breeds

October 24 — Leesburg, VA Contact Barbara Henderson, e-mail: whippoorwill@erols.com.

### WORKING

#### \*Akita

September 27 — Everett, WA Contact Sylvia Thomas, (909) 684-8230.

#### **★Alaskan Malamute**

November 8 — Sacramento, CA Contact Wendy Willhauck, (508) 339-9242; e-mail: Frostfield@aol.com.

#### **\***Anatolian Shepherd

September 21<sup>•</sup>— Atlanta, GA Contact Laura Edstrom, (561) 357-8306; e-mail: Lowa@worldnet.att.net.

#### **\*Bullmastiff**

October 24 - 26 — Delvan, WI Contact Carol Beans, (714) 544-1824; e-mail: anakari@aol.com.

#### **\*Doberman Pinscher**

October 11 — Fitchburg, MA Contact Lynda Kenney, (978) 392-0711.

### **∗Great Dane**

October 15 — Fort Mitchell, KY Contact Dale Tarbox, (860) 546-6629.

#### **\***Siberian Husky

September 27 & 28 — Carlisle, PA Contact Phyliss Brayton; (209) 828-2251.

### TERRIER

### **\*Bull Terrier**

October 11 — Stamford, CT Contact Alison Ibbitson, (610) 489-2397.

**\*West Highland White Terrier** August 4 — Canfield, OH Contact Seymour Weiss, (718) 596-8759; e-mail: weistie@aol.com.

### TOY

#### **\***Affenpinscher

July 5 — Hamlin, NY Contact Jerome Cushman, (716) 924-3500.

#### \*Chihuahua

October 4 — Lincolnwood, IL Contact Max Hurd, 16243 State Orchard Road, Council Bluffs, IA 51503; (712) 328-1382.

#### **\*Italian Greyhound**

July 29 — Canfield, OH Contact Audrey Sutton, (408) 867-0989.

#### **\*Japanese Chin**

Öctober 18 — Springfield, IL Contact Richard Comacho, (909) 984-0812; e-mail: jclaschin@aol.com.

#### \*Pug

September 12 — Indianapolis, IN Contact Charlotte Patterson, (850) 837-2657; e-mail: ivanwold@gnt.net.

#### **Reminder:**

2002 National Specialty Listings is on the Web site

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#### \*Bulldog

October 16 — Plymouth, MN Contact Brenda Newcomb, (760) 325-3192; e-mail: newcombbulldogs@aol.com.

#### **\***Finnish Spitz

October 31-Novembver 1 — Brooklyn Park, MN Contact Richard Yates, (912) 471-7857.

#### \*Lowchen

October 11 — Portland, OR Contact Ginni Denninger; (716) 244-7819.

#### ∗Shiba Inu

October 9 — Hagerstown, MD Contact Laura Payton;(301) 371-7815; e-mail: fanfair@aol.com.

### SYMPOSIUM

#### "What you Need to Know About Judging - Preparation and Procedure"

August 23 — Lake Elmo, MN Septemebr 13 — San Rafael, CA

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

### **INSTITUTES**

### AKC Judges Institute

August 8 -11, Plano, TX

#### **Advanced Scenthound Institute**

October 20 - 24, Leesburg, VA Contact Karen Reuter, 5580 Centerview Dr., Raleigh, NC 27606-3390; (919) 816-3595; e-mail: kar@akc.org.

### HERDING

\*Australian Cattle Dog October 8 — Brooksville, FL

Contact Kim Eberley, (815) 225-7540; e-mail: bushranger@dog.com **\*Bearded Collie** 

October 3 & 4 — Monterey, CA Contact Ruth Colavecchio, (916) 988-9799.

\*Bouvier des Flandres October 8 — Springfield, OH Contact Debbie Gschwender, (248) 628-1698.

#### **Border Collie**

October 18 — Gray Summit, MO Contact Joyce Herie, (818) 609-0713; e-mail: joyce@relaypoint.net.

#### **★Canaan Dog**

October 18 — Pleasanton, CA Contact Cynthia Grupp, (707) 226-3353; e-mail: canaandog@aol.com.

**\*Old English Sheepdog** October 11 — Waco, TX Contact Nancy Shafer Smith; (406) 446-4116.

#### \*Puli

September 29 — Gray Summit, MO

Contact Susan McConnell, (650) 725-8786; e-mail: smcc@standford.edu.

#### **\*Welsh Corgi, Pembroke** September 27 — Hillsboro, OR

Contact Jan Edwards, (360) 428-2522; e-mail: Jeesheltn@aol.com.

### MULTI-BREED

#### **Multi-Breed Seminar**

July 21 — Memphis, TN Contact Carl Yochum, (901) 794-7747; e-mail: Tapyocas@aol.com.

### Multi-Breed Seminar

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

### MULTI-BREED CON'T.

#### **Multi-Breed Seminar**

August 11 — Oberlin , OH Contact Joe Holava, 34613 Lorrain Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039; email: jholava@ohio.net.

#### **Multi-Breed Seminar**

August 17 — Greeley, CO Contact Sharon Cook;(303) 427-4692; e-mail: minisealy@webtv.net; or Patricia Gellerman;(720) 482-1484; e-mail: dogtag@earthlink.net.

### **ACEFJudges Institute**

August 17 -22 —Crystal City, VA Contact Lt.Col. Wallace Pede, 7200 Tanger St., Springfield, VA 22150; (703) 451-5656; e-mail: scja@erols.com.

#### **All Sporting Breed Seminar**

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

#### **Multi-Breed Seminar**

October 11 -Los Angeles, CA Contact Carol Esterkin; (818) 996-0130; e-mail: jrequities@earthlink.net.

#### Multi-Breed Seminar

October 25 - 27 — Delaware, OH Contact Dennis Kniola, (740) 362-7071; e-mail: shalreign@aol.com.

### Multi-Breed Seminar

November 1 — Knoxville, TN Contact Carol Curry, (423) 538-0194; e-mail: clocar@aol.com.

#### **Multi-Breed Seminar**

November 8 & 9 — Fife, WA Contact Stan Zielinski; e-mail: sazj@foxinternet.net.



# No More Mr. Nice Guy

In several past issues of the Judges Newsletter, at the request of Event Records, you have been reminded to check your judge's books prior to submitting to the Superintendent. The Event Records Department appreciates the attention that you have given to your books and the errors have decreased. However, you are reminded that marking your judge's book correctly is part of correct procedure. The Field Staff may issue a Procedural Report to an individual whose book contains errors. Individuals with procedural problems may not be eligible for advancement.

# Reminder

Superintendents or Show Secretaries are the only ones who may make a change in how a dog is listed in the Judge's Book. Should a question arise about the class in which the dog was entered or if it is a move up the Superintendent or Show Secretary must be called to make the change.

# **Breed Standard Formats**

The new format has been well received. We have received a few comments and questions regarding the form which are being investigated to be implemented in the future. When a breed standard is revised all those who are approved to judge the breed and BIS will receive the new standard as has been done historically.

# **Response to Moderate**

In response to input on how moderate/medium should be interpreted Barbara Smith writes:

First of all I don't believe Moderate can be confused with Mediocre. Mediocrity is a word which implies a state of poor quality or at the very least not good quality. Moderation on the other hand implies balance. No extremes. Since the sighthounds, where the term moderate is used frequently, are a group of breeds which have a certain type of running ability termed the "double extension gallop" my thought is that the need for moderation results in the balance necessary to attain this type of movement. If, say the rear was overdone the dog would not be able to bring its rear legs under itself in the necessary contraction and expansion that is what makes the double suspension gallop so unique instead, the front and rear legs would crash into each other and probably get the dog injured.

# **Perceptions of Cell Phones**

Beverly Henry has recently seen things at shows that disturb her. She has seen judges talking on a cell phone in the ring between classes. She writes; "I see AKC reps talking on cell phones outside rings. Now this may be innocent — they may be talking to their grandchildren, HOWEVER, the judges could also be talking to someone at the show with a catalog in hand, or to someone at another show in another part of the country finding out what was going on there. I believe this practice should be banned.

I might note here that I am also a judge and would never dream of even having my cell phone turned on during an assignment."

# **Reminder - 175 Limit per Day**

You are reminded, that in accordance with Chapter 7, Section 13 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, "The maximum number of dogs assigned in the breed to any judge, in one day, shall never exceed 175 except that a judge of a specialty show may be assigned a maximum of 200 dogs. If the specialty show is held as part of an all breed show, the increased limit will only apply if the judge is not assigned any other breed, a Group or Best in Show." If the specialty show is an evening event on the same day you are judging another event, the 175 limit is per day, not per event.

# **Non-Regular Class Reminders**

ore and more national breed clubs are provid-Ming non-regular classes with specified criteria for entry, of which the winner is eligible to compete for Best of Breed. One of the interesting scenarios that may occur is that a dog that has been awarded winners bitch or winners dog may be entered in one of these classes, as may champions of record that are also entered for Best of Breed or Variety. Of all the dogs entered in these nonregular classes, the only one that may proceed to compete in the Best of Breed or Variety judging is the winner of the class unless it has been previously defeated in another class. If the Winners Dog or Winners Bitch was defeated in this class it may not compete for Best of Breed or Variety, but it may compete for Best of Winners. The judge should advise the exhibitor to stay at ringside to have the exhibit enter the ring so Best of Winners may be judged following the awarding of Best of Breed and prior to the awarding of Best of Opposite Sex.

In the judging of stud dog and brood bitch classes, the get exhibited must have been entered at this event. The handler of each dog must wear a numbered armband.

# Observing

In ring observation is an integral part of the current approval process. In order to make it a meaning-ful and educational experience — here are some points for you to remember:

Be sure the judge under whom you are observing meets the criteria. That is:

- A breeder/judge with 12 years breeding experience.
- A regularly approved judge of the specific breed for more than five years.

Observations became an enriching component in October 1999. If you list an observation after January 2000 you must submit a form in order for the observation to be counted as an enriching component.

If there is no observation form available and the opportunity arises to observe a breed you are planning to judge, simply make a request of the judge and club if it is possible to observe. Following the observation, send a form to the judge with a stamped addressed envelope and ask that the form be completed and returned to you. Here are some tips from a previous newsletter: Do your homework in advance, read the breed standard. Contact the Parent Club to receive materials the club may have developed; more and more clubs have an illustrated standard. View the breed video. Research the history of the breed. Research the background of the person under whom you wish to observe, make certain they fulfill the criteria to have an observer in the ring. Ask permission of the Show Chairman and the judge in advance. Request from the Judging Operations Department the Observer Forms and badges.

Observe no more than three times with the appropriate size entry. This criterion may not work for the rarer breeds, however it may help with some of the popular breeds where observing has been witnessed with very small entries.

In other words, observing may be one of the last enrichment activities you will do before applying.

Reminder - It is your responsibility to request Observer Forms from the Judging Operations Department. (judgingops@akc.org or (919) 816-3588.

# Update on Judge's Evaluation Forms

Beginning in May the Executive Field Staff has begun to increase the number of observations and Judges Evaluation Reports they will be completing.



# **INTERVIEW** - New Procedure

In order for applicants to be aware of what is in their files, effective May 3, 2002, copies of interviews are being made available. The field representative will mail two copies of the interview

to the applicant, one copy to be signed and returned to Judging Operations and one copy for their own records.

# **Advanced Scent Hound Institute**

The AKC Judges Education Department is coordinating an Advanced Institute on the Scent Hounds. This will be held in Leesburg, Virginia, October 20-23, 2002. Thursday October 24th is the Potomac Hound Show followed by three all breed shows in the immediate area. The attendees will get to observe pack work at the National Beagle Club's Institute Farm as well as demonstrations of the other breeds' functions. The Parent Clubs will provide breed presentations and mentoring. Criteria for eligibility to attend this institute are being approved to judge one breed or a group other than the Hound Group. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Karen Reuter, kar@akc.org or 919-816-3594.

# **Revised Disqualification for Attacking Form**

The Disqualification for Attacking Form has been revised. Hopefully, these revisions will assist in reducing the potential for conflict in the ring. The questions asking whether or not you feel there were unusual circumstances leading to the attack as well as if the dog should have the opportunity to try for reinstatement have been removed from the form. Instead, a letter will be sent to you asking if you feel that unusual circumstances existed leading to the attack and to describe the circumstances if necessary. You will also be asked if you feel the dog should have the opportunity to try for reinstatement and why. Upon answering, you will forward your response to the Event Records Department. Event Records will continue to send a letter to the exhibitor along with reinstatement request instructions. A new section, to be completed by the owner, has been added to the form requesting the dog owner's name and phone number. This information is being required in case a vaccination history is needed.

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