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REVISION: APPROVED PUG BREED STANDARD

Changes to the Standard are in Bold Italics

PUG BREED STANDARD

TOY GROUP

APPROVED:

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General Appearance: Symmetry and general appearance are decidedly square and cobby. A lean, leggy Pug and a dog with short legs and a long body are equally objectionable.

Size, Proportion, Substance: The Pug should be *multum in parvo*, and this condensation (if the word may be used) is shown by compactness of form, well knit proportions, and hardness of developed muscle. Weight from 14 to 18 pounds (dog or bitch) desirable. *Proportion* square.

Head: The *head* is large, massive, round—not apple-headed, with no indentation of the *skull*. The eyes are dark in color, very large, bold and prominent, globular in shape, soft and solicitous in *expression*, very lustrous, and, when excited, full of fire. The ears are thin, small, soft, like black velvet. There are two kinds—the “rose” and the “button.” Preference is given to the latter. The *wrinkles* are large and deep. The muzzle is short, blunt, square, but not upfaced. Bite—A Pug’s bite should be very slightly undershot.

Neck, Topline, Body: The neck is slightly arched. It is strong, thick, and with enough length to carry the head proudly. The short back is level from the withers to the high tail set. The body is short and cobby, wide in chest and well ribbed up. The tail is curled as tightly as possible over the hip. The double curl is perfection.

Forequarters: The legs are very strong, straight, of moderate length, and are set well under. The elbows should be directly under the withers when viewed from the side. The shoulders are moderately laid back. The pasterns are strong, neither steep nor down. The feet are neither so long as the foot of the hare, nor so round as that of the cat; well split-up toes, and the nails black. Dewclaws are generally removed.

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AKC 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

PRONGED COLLARS

By PETER GAETA

Exhibitors are beginning to exhibit dogs and train them on show grounds using collars and leads with a device clipped inside that has prongs protruding from it that press into the outside of the dog's



throat (See Photo). The device comes in various sizes and colors. Its use is unacceptable at dog shows.

At its July, 2001 meeting, the Board of Directors adopted the following policy with explanation with respect to training devices:

Training Collars

Special training devices that are used to control and train dogs, including but not limited to, collars with prongs, electronic collars used with transmitters, muzzles and head collars may not be used on dogs at AKC events, except as allowed in the

AKC Rules, Regulations, and policies.

The American Kennel Club recognizes that special training collars may be an effective and useful management device, when properly used, for controlling dogs that might be extremely active, difficult to control on a neck collar, or dog aggressive. These collars are also recognized as possibly useful for gaining control at the start of basic obedience training, essential education that dogs deserve and need.

There is a point at which owners should have sufficient control of their dogs to manage them on regular neck collars, without the use of special training collars. This is the point at which dogs are acceptable on the grounds of AKC competitive events and will have the opportunity to participate in those events.

The only exceptions to this policy have to do with electronic tracking devices which may be used in pointing breed field events, coonhound events and Beagle Trials.

Use of the pronged device referenced above turns any collar into a pronged collar, so its use under any circumstances at dog shows is unacceptable according to present policy. Dogs wearing them are to be excused from competition in the ring, and exhibitors using them outside the rings on show grounds are to remove them. This is a board approved policy, and the Executive Field Staff has been directed to help monitor the use of unacceptable equipment at dog shows. Anyone resisting the policy and repeat offenders are subject to event committee discipline.

The American Kennel Club's primary commitment is to the safety and welfare of dogs at our events.



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EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008

Our Raleigh Operations Center has moved from Centerview Office Park to Brier Creek Corporate Center. Our New York Corporate Office location remains the same.

The Popular Contact Numbers will NOT change:

- Event Plans.....919-816-3582..... eventplans@akc.org
- Judges Education.....919-816-3570..... judgesed@akc.org
- Judging Operation.....919-816-3593..... judgesops@akc.org
- Obedience – Pam Manaton919-816-3559..... pcm@akc.org
- Peter Gaeta – Judging Ops.....919-816-3880..... pag@akc.org
- Ines Maldonado – Judging Ops.....919-816-3570..... ixm@akc.org
- Maria Robinson – Events Ops.....919-816-3624..... mer@akc.org
- Registration – Linda Dunklee.....919-816-3785..... ljd@akc.org

BASSET HOUND EXAMINATIONS

By PETER GAETA

At their May, 2008 meeting the Board of Directors passed the following policy regarding the judging of Basset Hounds on a ramp.

Basset Hounds are expected to be judged on the ramp during breed judging.

The judging of Basset Hounds in Groups and Best in Show is not affected. This policy is effective immediately.

At each show, prior to the commencement of judging, the Executive Field Representative will remind the Superintendent that it is **necessary**, by board approved policy, to have a ramp in the

Basset Hound breed ring. The failure or inability to provide a ramp may be subject to fine.

At each show, prior to the commencement of Basset Hound judging, the Executive Field Representative will advise the Basset Hound judge that he or she is now expected, by board approved policy, to judge Basset Hounds on the ramp during breed competition. Basset Hound judging will be monitored with respect to the use of the ramp, and any failure to use the ramp is to be noted on a Procedural Report form.

UNFAMILIAR BREEDS IN JR. SHOWMANSHIP

By AKC EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE PATTIE JENNER

If you are an approved Jr. Showmanship judge, you must realize that you have just as much a responsibility in that ring as you would in a conformation ring, perhaps more. As a Conformation Judge, you enter your ring with full knowledge of the AKC Standard of the breed that you are about to judge. As a Jr. Showmanship Judge, you should enter your ring with full knowledge of how each of the breeds shown by the Juniors is to be presented. You need to know which breeds are examined on the table and on the ground, which breeds are presented on leash and off leash, which breeds are gaited by walking or running, which breeds are presented with ears up or natural, and which breeds show full dentition or just the bite.

If you are unsure of how the various breeds should be presented, you have two options to solve your dilemma:

OPTION 1: Request a list of breeds that the Juniors will be showing from the Superintendent ahead of time. Some Superintendents send it automatically. If there is a breed on that list that you are unfamiliar with look at its breed standard, talk to a breeder or Professional Handler of that breed or watch that particular breed in the ring, if possible, prior to your assignment. Focus on presentation.

OPTION 2: When finding yourself in the position of not knowing how the various breeds should be presented more often than not, you need to re-evaluate your All Breed Jr. Showmanship Status. Having a Limited Jr. Showmanship Status might be a more comfortable position for you. In this respect, you would only be judging the Juniors at Specialty Shows for breeds that you are approved to judge. Your familiarity with the breed(s) would allow you to base your judgment on a fairer evaluation of the junior's handling abilities.

As a Junior Showmanship Judge, it is your responsibility to show the Juniors in your ring the same respect and consideration that they show you, and recognize how the various breeds need to be presented. Do not take on an assignment where, because of ignorance, both you as a Judge and the Juniors in your ring are left with an unproductive experience. Judging the Junior Showmanship class is a huge responsibility. The Juniors are the future of the sport, and they need to be guided and encouraged through your judgment. You should not take on those responsibilities unless you, yourself can make an educated decision.

PROVISIONAL JUDGES' RESPONSIBILITY

By AKC EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE LEE HERR

It is the responsibility of all Provisional Judges to report to the AKC Executive Field Representative prior to the start of their judging assignment and upon completion of the assignment. This responsibility exists for all Provisional Judges, whether New Breed or Additional Breed.

Further Reminder: A Judge remains on provisional status until the letter of approval granting Regular Status is received from the AKC Judging Operations Department, no matter how many assignments have been judged or how many evaluation reports have been received.

2008 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

★ Denotes parent club sanctioned

SPORTING

CA Ventura - July 3, 2008

★ "English Cocker Spaniel Judges Education Seminar", Members of ECSCA Breed Education Committee Sponsored by the English Cocker Spaniel Club of Southern California; Contact Deb Deane; 13691 Gavina Ave. Unit 540; Sylmar, CA 91342; (818) 367-3082; bluroanec@ca.rr.com

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

NE Omaha - July 18, 2008

★ "German Wirehaired Pointer: Prioritizing by Function", Laura Reeves Sponsored by the Nebraska Kennel Club and Nebraska Combined Specialties in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Sandy Orr; 7106 North 57th Street; Omaha, NE 68152; (402) 571-0389; sorr@orrickidboxers.com

NE Omaha - July 19, 2008

★ "Irish Red & White Setter, History and Development", Carol Jean Nelson Sponsored by the Nebraska Kennel Club and Nebraska Combined Specialties in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Sandy Orr; 7106 North 57th Street; Omaha, NE 68152; (402) 571-0389; sorr@orrickidboxers.com

MN Alexandra - August 6, 2008

★ "American Water Spaniel Breed Seminar", Linda Hattrem & Susan Liemohn Sponsored by the American Water Spaniel Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Linda Hattrem; 7375 Bayport Ave.; Sparta, WI 54656; (608) 272-3908; hattrem@centurytel.net

GA Marietta - September 13, 2008

"Breeding Better Dogs", Dr. Carmen Battaglia Sponsored by the Golden Retriever Club; Contact Kathy Smith; 404-256-4451

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

PA Gettysburg - September 15, 2008

★ "The Gordon Setter" Sponsored by the Gordon Setter Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Lisa D. Summers; 10312 Springbrook Ct.; Concord Township, OH 44077; (440) 352-0578; ncmgordons@aol.com

KY Owensboro - October 1, 2008

★ "The Pointer" Sponsored by the American Pointer Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Marjorie Martorella; (732) 446-2315; marjetta@optonline.net; www.americanpointerclub.org

GA Newnan - October 8, 2008

★ "The Labrador Retriever", LRC Judges Education Committee Sponsored by the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Mary Feazell; 1221 Hidden Cove Ct.; Granbury, TX 76049; (817) 291-8778; wyndcallab@mindspring.com

HOUND

CO Colorado Springs - June 6, 2008

★ "The Whippet", Cindy Scott Sponsored by the Front Range Judges in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Judi Park; 4255 Soup Rd.; Colorado Springs, CO 80908; (719) 495-3029; whippet01@q.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

MD Bel Alton - June 26, 2008

"The Ibizan Hound", Susan St. John Brown Sponsored by the Potomac Hound Club; Contact Charles Olvis; 12841 Braemar Village Plaza #16; Bristow, VA 20136; (703) 396-7405; sunup1001@comcast.net

MD Bel Alton - June 26, 2008

★ "The Pharaoh Hound", Sheila Hoffman Sponsored by the Potomac Hound Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Charles Olvis; 12841 Braemar Village Plaza # 16; Bristow, VA 20136; (703) 396-7405; sunup1001@comcast.net

MD Bel Alton - June 26, 2008

★ "The Black and Tan Coonhound", Robert Urban Sponsored by the Potomac Hound Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Charles Olvis; 12841 Braemar Village Plaza # 16; Bristow, VA 20136; (703) 396-7405; sunup1001@comcast.net

MD Bel Alton - June 26, 2008

★ "The Plott", Curt Willis Sponsored by the Potomac Hound Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Charles Olvis; 12841 Braemar Village Plaza #16; Bristow, VA 20136; (703) 396-7405; sunup1001@comcast.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

NE Omaha - July 18, 2008

★ "Understanding Afghan Hounds", Peter Belmont Sponsored by the Nebraska Kennel Club and Nebraska Combined Specialties in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Sandy Orr; 7106 North 57th Street; Omaha, NE 68152; (402) 571-0389; sorr@orrickidboxers.com

NE Omaha - July 19, 2008

★ "The Borzoi", Patti Neale Sponsored by the Nebraska Kennel Club & Nebraska Combined Specialties in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Sandy Orr; 7106 North 57th Street; Omaha, NE 68152-2301; (402) 571-0389; sorr@orrickidboxers.com

NE Omaha - July 19, 2008

★ "The Dachshund - Movement and Structure", Frances Colonna Sponsored by the Nebraska Kennel Club and Nebraska Combined Specialties in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Sandy Orr; 7106 North 57th Street; Omaha, NE 68152; (402) 571-0389; sorr@orrickidboxers.com

NY Chatham - July 20, 2008

"American Foxhound, English Foxhound, Harrier Comparison", Lisa and Harry Miller Sponsored by the Hudson River Valley Hound Association; Contact Helene Nietsch; (203) 426-8194; banstock@live.com

OH Marion - July 25, 2008

"The Plott", Steve Fielder, AKC Staff Sponsored by the Dan Emmett Kennel Club; Contact Bonnie Casner; 3660 Vanatta Rd.; Centerburg, OH 43011; (740) 625-6715; talsmom@hughes.net; www.cherookeekennel.com

SC Greenville - July 25, 2008

★ "The Bloodhound", Dr. James Edwards Sponsored by the Carolina Dog Judges Study Group; Contact Sharon L. Clark; (864) 862-2537; slbeagles@bellsouth.net; www.carolinadogjudges.org

SC Greenville - July 25, 2008

★ "The Petit Bassets Griffons Vendéen", Nick Frost Sponsored by the Carolina Dog Judges Study Group; Contact Sharon L. Clark; (864) 862-2537; slbeagles@bellsouth.net; www.carolinadogjudges.org

SC Greenville - July 25, 2008

★ "The American Foxhound", Polly Smith Sponsored by the Carolina Dog Judges Study Group; Contact Sharon L. Clark; (864) 862-2537; slbeagles@bellsouth.net; www.carolinadogjudges.org

NY Geneseo - July 26, 2008

"Canine Nutrition: Assessing All the Options for Healthy, Athletic, Geriatric and Health Compromised Dogs", Dr. Joseph Wakshlag DVM, PhD/Cornell University Sponsored by the Dachshund Club of Greater Buffalo; Contact Gail Binder; (585) 265-4036; geb3679@rit.edu; www.dcgub.net

2008 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

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★ "The Black and Tan Coonhound", Bob Urban Sponsored by the Carolina Dog Judges Study Group; Contact Sharon L. Clark; (864) 862-2537; slbeagles@bellsouth.net; www.carolinadogjudges.org

SC Greenville - July 26, 2008

★ "The Irish Wolfhound", Diane Koontz Bresee Sponsored by the Carolina Dog Judges Study Group; Contact Sharon L. Clark; (864) 862-2537; slbeagles@bellsouth.net; www.carolinadogjudges.org

SC Greenville - July 26, 2008

★ "The Beagle", Kathy Forbes Sponsored by the Carolina Dog Judges Study Group; Contact Sharon L. Clark; (864) 862-2537; slbeagles@bellsouth.net; www.carolinadogjudges.org

SC Greenville - July 27, 2008

★ "The Basset Hound", Betsy Deans Sponsored by the Carolina Dog Judges Study Group; Contact Sharon L. Clark; (864) 862-2537; slbeagles@bellsouth.net; www.carolinadogjudges.org

SC Greenville - July 27, 2008

★ "The Whippet", Yvonne Sovereign Sponsored by the Carolina Dog Judges Study Group; Contact Sharon L. Clark; (864) 862-2537; slbeagles@bellsouth.net; www.carolinadogjudges.org

MD Frederick - August 26, 2008

★ "The Irish Wolfhound", Alice Kneavel Sponsored by the Mason-Dixon Dog Judges Association; Contact Al Ferruggiaro; (301) 421-1930; alf198@yahoo.com

KY Lexington - August 30, 2008

"Breed Seminar", Bob Urban Sponsored by the American Black and Tan Coonhound Club held in conjunction with the Regional Specialty; Contact Kathy Gorbett; corbe12@attglobe.net

IA Des Moines - September 6, 2008

★ "The Hunt for the Perfect Otterhound", Louise DeShon Sponsored by the Otterhound Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Arlyne Smith; 293 Lynn Lane; Chicago Heights, IL 60411; (708) 756-7405; arlynebearsden@aol.com

MI Frankenmuth - September 23, 2008

★ "Pedigree analysis, Formula Breeding and Selecting a Sire", Dr. Carmen Battaglia Sponsored by the Afghan Hound Club of America; Contact Anita Richards; 233W 550N; Valparaiso, IN 46385; aktrichards@aol.com

PA Gettysburg - September 24, 2008

★ "The Rhodesian Ridgeback", Barbara Rupert Sponsored by the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Barbara Rupert; oakhrustr@aol.com

CO Estes Park - October 1, 2008

★ "The Beagle, Breed Seminar and Hands-On." Sponsored by the National Beagle Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Kathy Forbes; (515) 278-5008; skylinebeagles@yahoo.com

WORKING

CO Colorado Springs - June 6, 2008

★ "The Alaskan Malamute", Nancy Russell Sponsored by the Front Range Judges in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Judi Park; 4255 Shoup Rd.; Colorado Springs, CO 80908; (719) 495-3029; whippet01@q.com

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

"A Molosser Breed Comparison—Cane Corso / Neapolitan Mastiff & Dogue de Bordeaux / Bullmastiff", Parent-club approved presentors/mentors Sponsored by the Connecticut Dog Judges; Contact Helene Nietsch; (203) 426-8194; helene.nietsch@ge.com

NE Omaha - July 18, 2008

★ "Judging the Boxer", Judy Voran and Sandy Orr Sponsored by the Nebraska Kennel Club and Nebraska Combined Specialties in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Sandy Orr; 7106 North 57th Street; Omaha, NE 68152; (402) 571-0389; sorr@orrickidboxers.com

NC Apex - September 17, 2008

★ "The Siberian Husky", Cindy Stansell Sponsored by the Triangle Area Judges Education Group in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Cathy Rubens; 971 Luther Rd; Apex, NC 27523; (919) 362-4738; cathy@silverhillrottweilers.com

KS Topeka - September 30-October 4, 2008

★ "The Samoyed", Audrey Lycan Sponsored by the Samoyed Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Audrey Lycan; 508 Shades Walk; McDonough, GA 30253; (678) 432-4932; winterway@bellsouth.net

TERRIER

CA Long Beach - June 19, 2008

★ "Terrier Seminars", "parent club approved presenters" Sponsored by the Great Western Terrier Association; Contact Bill Edwards; 1526 Belleau Road; Glendale, CA 91206; (818) 956-1170; btrain2@earthlink.net

TX Dallas - June 21, 2008

"Puppy Head Start", Corally Burmaster Sponsored by the Faith City Kennel Club and Southwest Airedales; Contact Joyce Miller; (972) 248-2128; jmillerwolfe@gmail.com; www.southwestairedales.org

AZ Scottsdale - July 19, 2008

"The ABC's of Dog Breeding: What Every Breeder Should Know!", Claudia Waller Orlandi, PhD Sponsored by the Sun Country Terrier Club; Contact Pat Bajoras; (480) 807-0732; seminar@sctcaz.org; www.sctcaz.org

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

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 Michael Buckley Sponsored by the Connecticut Dog Judges; Contact Helene Nietsch; (203) 229-5710; helene.nietsch@ge.com

TOY

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

CO Denver - September 3, 2008

★ "A Study in the Pekingese", John D. French Sponsored by the Pekingese Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact John French; (786) 877-4901; mstarpk@aol.com; www.thepekingeseclubofamerica.com

IL Hoffman Estates - October 3, 2008

★ "The Chihuahua", Education Committee of the CCA Sponsored by the Chihuahua Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Max Hurd; mhurd4@cox.net

2008 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

CA Ontario - October 10, 2008

★ **"The Pug", Donnelle Richards**
Sponsored by the Pug Dog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Donnelle Richards; (408) 848-3336; donnellerichards@verizon.net

NON-SPORTING

CA Ventura - July 4, 2008

★ **"Judging Bulldogs", Brenda Newcomb**
Sponsored by the Bulldog Club of America, Division III in conjunction with the Division Specialty; Contact Brenda Newcomb; 262 NE Cerritos Dr.; Palm Springs, CA 92262; (760) 325-3192; bulldogsbrenda@aol.com

TX New Braunfels - September 20-21, 2008

★ **"Canine Reproduction & Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care", Myra Savant-Harris** Sponsored by Heart of Texas French Bull Dog Club; Contact Mary Miller; PO Box 434 Marion, TX 78124; (830) 386-0271; alphabostons@aol.com

KS Lawrence - October 13, 2008

★ **"Breeding Better Dogs", Dr. Carmen Battaglia** Sponsored by the French Bull Dog Club of America; Contact Karen Fore; 405-250-3171

KS Lawrence - October 15, 2008

★ **"French Bulldog Judges Study Group and Ringside Mentoring"** Sponsored by the French Bull Dog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Virginia Rowland; (978) 424-1044; blackslate@aol.com; www.frenchbulldogclub.org

PA Reading - November 24, 2008

★ **"Bulldog Breed Study Group", Brenda Newcomb & Elizabeth Milam** Sponsored by The Bulldog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Brenda Newcomb; 262 NE Cerritos Dr.; Palm Springs, CA 92262; (760) 325-3192; bulldogsbrenda@aol.com

HERDING

NE Omaha - July 19, 2008

★ **"The Border Collie", Linda Klingel**
Sponsored by the Nebraska Kennel Club and Nebraska Combined Specialties in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Sandy Orr; 7106 North 57th Street; Omaha, NE 68152; (402) 571-0389; sorr@orrickidboxers.com

CT Bristol - July 19-20, 2008

★ **"Canine Reproduction - Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care", Myra Savant Harris, RN** Sponsored by the Collie Club of America Connecticut District and Tri County Collie Breeders; Contact Jackie Caruso; (203) 438-8022; rjcar@prodigy.net

FL Thonotosassa - August 9-10, 2008

★ **"Objective Evaluation, The Key to Success", Julie Desy-Ilemist and Meredith Hector-Enclave** Sponsored by the Tampa Bay Area Shetland Sheepdog Club; Contact Lorrie Reed or Stephanie Trautman-Riley; (727) 463-4409; lorrireed@tampabay.rr.com

MD Frederick - September 23, 2008

★ **"The Pembroke Welsh Corgis", Carrie Chase** Sponsored by the Mason-Dixon Dog Judges Association; Contact Al Ferruggiaro; (301) 421-1930; alf198@yahoo.com

MI Howell - September 24, 2008

★ **"The Beauceron", Beverly Morean**
Sponsored by the Michigan Dog Judges Group in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine; (734) 662-0849; foxairn_3@msn.com.

KY Fort Mitchell - September 26, 2008

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

PA Shartlesville - September 30, 2008

★ **"The Australian Cattle Dog", Pat Leach**
Sponsored by the Australian Cattle Dog Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Deb Casey; (469) 844-3644; deb@txk9.com; www.acdca.org

CA Rohnert Park - October 30, 2008

★ **"Bearded Collie Breed Study", Rosemary Schroeder** Sponsored by the Bearded Collie Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Rosemary Schroeder; 887 Gray's Lane; New Richmond, OH 45157; (513) 553-3675; rschroeder@fuse.net

GA Pine Mountain - November 14, 2008

★ **"The Pembroke Welsh Corgi", Sandra Wolfskill** Sponsored by the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Marilyn Van Vleit; 6352 Liberty Rd.; S. Salem, OR 97306; (503) 581-5144; mvvanvleit@farmersagent.com

MISCELLANEOUS

WI Waukesha - July 25, 2008

★ **"The Dogue De Bordeaux", TBA**
Sponsored by the Waukesha Kennel Club; Contact Marcia Feld; (847) 362-4237; mfeld@prodigy.net

MULTIPLE BREEDS

MO Kansas City - August 20, 2008

★ **"Multiple Breeds Seminars",** Sponsored by the Heart of America KC & the Leavenworth KC; Contact Judith A. Goodin; (913) 727-1966.

FSS BREEDS

MD Frederick - June 24, 2008

★ **"The Norwegian Buhund", Valina Dawson & Pat Jarvis** Sponsored by the Mason - Dixon Judges Association in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Al Ferruggiaro; (301) 421-1930; alf198@yahoo.com

WI Waukesha - July 25, 2008

★ **"The Cane Corso", Shauna DeMoss**
Sponsored by the Waukesha Kennel Club in conjunction with the National Specialty; Contact Marcia Feld; (847) 362-4237; mfeld@prodigy.net

MI Howell - October 22, 2008

★ **"The Pyrenean Shepherd", Dr. Patricia Pincehouse** Sponsored by the Michigan Judges Education Association; Contact Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine; (734) 662-0849; foxairn_3@msn.com

AKC INSTITUTES

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

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

REMINDER:

Always remember to check the effective dates on the breed standard exams and the breed standards. The effective date of the standard on which each test is based is printed at the top of the test. Breed Standard changes are published twice in the AKC Gazette & Calendar; once with the proposed date and then again with the effective date. It is your responsibility as a judge or a prospective judge to keep current. Current Standards may be found on the AKC Website.

2008 LOW ENTRY BREEDS LIST

The Judging Operations Department acknowledges the fact that typically low entries in a number of breeds make it extremely difficult to satisfy the requirement to judge them five times as a Provisional Judge. In some instances, Judging Operations will consider waiving part of that requirement.

Waiving any part of the requirement to judge new breeds five times is a matter subject to review on a case by case basis. Several other factors will influence any decision, such as: how many times the breed(s) were scheduled to be judged; how many times they were judged; how large the actual entries were; how soon the next assignment(s) is. Decisions are made considering all of the above.

Following is the current list of "Low Entry Breeds" used as a guideline when considering waiving part of the requirement to judge new breeds before granting regular status. It may also be applied when considering the availability of educational opportunities on applications for new breeds. This is the updated list effective May 12, 2008.

Affenpinschers	German Pinschers	Retrievers - Curly-Coated
American Eskimo Dogs	Harriers	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers
Anatolian Shepherds	Ibizan Hounds	Scottish Deerhounds
Australian Terriers	Irish Terriers	Sealyham Terriers
Black and Tan Coonhounds	Komondorok	Skye Terriers
Beaucerons	Kuvaszok	Spaniels - American Water
Belgian Malinois	Lakeland Terriers	Spaniels -Field
Black Russian Terriers	Lowchen	Spaniels - Irish Water
Canaan Dogs	Miniature Bull Terriers	Spaniels - Sussex
Dogues de Bordeaux	Neapolitan Mastiffs	Spaniel - Welsh Springer
Dandie Dinmont Terriers	Norfolk Terriers	Spinoni Italiani
English Toy Spaniels	Otterhounds	Swedish Vallhund
Finnish Spitz	Pharaoh Hounds	Tibetan Mastiffs
Foxhounds American	Plotts	Welsh Terriers
Foxhounds English	Pointer (German Wirehaired)	Wirehaired Pointing Griffons
Glen of Immal Terriers	Polish Lowland Sheepdogs	
Greyhounds	Pulik	

APPROVED PUG BREED STANDARD: REVISION

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Hindquarters

The strong, powerful hindquarters have moderate bend of stifle and short hocks perpendicular to the ground. The legs are parallel when viewed from behind. The hindquarters are in balance with the forequarters. The thighs and buttocks are full and muscular. Feet as in front.

Coat

The coat is fine, smooth, soft, short and glossy, neither hard nor woolly.

Color

The colors are fawn or black. The fawn color should be decided so as to make the contrast complete between the color and the trace and mask.

Markings

The markings are clearly defined. The muzzle or mask, ears, moles on cheeks, thumb mark or diamond on forehead, and the back trace

should be as black as possible. The mask should be black. The more intense and well defined it is, the better. The trace is a black line extending from the occiput to the tail.

Gait

Viewed from the front, the forelegs should be carried well forward, showing no weakness in the pasterns, the paws landing squarely with the central toes straight ahead. The rear action should be strong and free through hocks and stifles, with no twisting or turning in or out at the joints. The hind legs should follow in line with the front. There is a slight natural convergence of the limbs both fore and aft. A slight roll of the hindquarters typifies the gait which should be free, self-assured, and jaunty.

Temperament

This is an even-tempered breed, exhibiting stability, playfulness, great charm, dignity, and an outgoing, loving disposition.

DISQUALIFICATION- Any color other than fawn or black.

UNIFORM JUDGING?

By *DAVID W. HADDOCK, AKC JUDGE*

Responsible dog show judging entails much more than ring time; it is a life long pursuit of education. Years ago, a person who had the eye, experience, and education to properly critique a dog or a dog situation was known as a "good dog man." Today, we all know men and women who fit that description, and those of us who intently take the responsibility aspire to achieve that worthy distinction.

While I enjoy it, I take the judging of dogs seriously. I have been humbled as a breed judge, and I am much less likely to be overtly critical of the choices made by fellow judges, particularly as I venture beyond my own breed and into judging others that are not as familiar to my eye or experience. When multiple exhibits possess the type, temperament, and soundness we seek in our ideal breed dog, there is room for honest disagreement.

In the dog community, there is a wealth of knowledge for those who seek it. On many occasions, it has been my great pleasure to interact with the most revered of our fancy. When I keep my mouth shut and my ears open during the group judging, to and from the show site, or over a dinner or drink back at the hotel, I can usually pick up some valuable absolutes that enlighten my canine education. I am relatively new to "the club" and the simple truth is I have much more to learn than to teach.

Except with this article I do wish to teach – or rather remind – my colleagues of a simple, yet salient truth. There's a dog under that coat! This axiom should resonate with all who seek to preserve breed type and are passionate about the integrity of all "long-coated" breeds.

At almost any judging seminar and particularly those involving long-coated dogs, we are reminded again and again to "put your hands on the dogs" and get under the coat. Still, I regularly observe long-coated dogs being judged with only the slightest hands-on evaluation. I wonder how the manipulation of such a minor part of breed type can so overwhelm the more important characteristics beneath it. Neither coat, nor the silhouette it presents, are type.

Let me put this in perspective. Coat is a component of type. In the Alaskan Malamute, the double coat is an obvious survival characteristic of the breed. The coarse guard coat is water repellent. Together with the insulating undercoat, the Malamute retains body heat and can survive in extreme temperatures – a vital requirement

for its function. Nevertheless, a Malamute with correct coat but without the correct head, bite, eyes, or ears necessary for survival will cease to function. The Malamute without a strong neck, powerfully balanced movement, or good feet will not complete its job in the snow. Despite its proper coat, the Malamute described could not perform its function and should not be rewarded.

Likewise, in breeds where coat is more cloak than comfort and scissoring is the norm, we must not allow it or its groomer to distract us from the rest of the dog. According to its breed standard, the Portuguese Water Dog should present "an indelible impression of strength, spirit, and soundness". Shown in multiple presentations of the two coat types and clips allowed, the gifted groomer can sculpt a dog from the "profuse, thickly planted" coat. One must look beyond this important, but diminished distraction, and seek a robust and spirited dog of moderate proportion. Unlike Samson, the strength of the dog is not in the hair!

The correct Portuguese Water Dog head is "distinctively, large, well proportioned with exceptional breadth of top skull," and essential part of a body that is "ruggedly built" and "well-knit". No amount or style of hair should camouflage this construction. This mariner requires the muscle and substance that will take it through a full day of work on water and land. Coat can't do that!

Think of it like this: Coats are uniforms and many are tailored to construct a picture of breed type. Crafting a dog's uniform no more indicates correct form and function than wearing an NFL jersey makes you a Hall of Fame quarterback. Regardless of the uniform, we should require that underneath it are the components that make the dog singularly prepared, equipped, and willing to perform duties associated with its task.

Recently (and too often), I have heard it said that a winning exhibit is "beautiful" or "pretty," an apparent, if not singular justification for its reward. Such terms are not breed specific. A generic show dog can be pretty, and devoid a standard, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. When an exhibit best exudes the essential characteristics outlined in the breed standard, "beautiful" is the result, not the reason. "Pretty" is as pretty does!

Judges should look first for requisite breed type and reward the athlete presented in the correct uniform that best exhibits these underlying attributes. Now that would be beautiful!

"The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue."

– Anonymous

THE QUESTION OF ATTIRE

By ROZ KRAUS, AKC EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

A recent article in a “dog” magazine brought up a question in my mind that has perplexed me for the last few months: The subject, ~“ATTIRE”~ of the judging community. Quite frankly I was happy to see mention of the subject. So this brings the question—exactly what is proper attire for judges? American Kennel Club judges are held to the “highest of standards” and expected to perform, act, judge and be dressed appropriately.

Why? Because you are representing the AKC. Attire can be described as professional, business-like, dressy – basically the word “appropriate” comes to mind. So what exactly distinguishes a judge from everyone else, with regards to dress? What exactly does “appropriate” mean or how is it defined?

First let’s make a case—as we all know and realize not all shows are the AKC Invitational or The Garden. Therefore not all shows/ clubs require judges to dress formally for groups and BIS. So how does one dress? Let’s start with the basics, where many of us started many years ago: FUN MATCHES! How were we all dressed? Blue jeans, khaki’s, polo shirts – ultra casual. Next step: we all went to our first shows and how did we dress? Men: Jackets, ties, khakis or dress pants. Ladies: dresses, suits, skirts, pant suits etc. 3rd step: National Specialties!~We all went out and bought a new suit or a new dress for the specialty, so both our dog as well as ourselves looked like a million dollars! 4th step: You show or bred a group placing dog or group winning dog and how did you dress and why? You were proud of your dog—you also wanted to

look great to make a good impression~ (Please note the inference of perception). You get your photos back and both you and your dog look fabulous! Next you want to judge and get your approval. You go to a show and “you are held to the highest of standards” and you come to the show in a blue jean skirt with crocs or Nike’s? OK—did I miss something? What happened?

It’s surprising how many shows I’ve attended within the past year where a judge looked disheveled or dressed inappropriately. Now we all realize not everyone has the budget or means to go out and buy a St John’s suit, or a Dior dress from Nieman Marcus (alias Needless Markup)~I certainly don’t. TJ Maxx & Stein Mart here I come~ but let’s get real; dress the part. I have been embarrassed for those of you who attend shows where I hear exhibitors say—“Geez—you’d think they’d at least put on a decent skirt instead of a blue jean skirt”. So with that being said—how many of us go out in the yard or the kennel and “scoop” wearing jeans??? Hmmmm..Where are we? By bringing your standards up, you are also bringing the expectations of the exhibitor up. Sounds silly? Take a look at the Juniors ring—most of the kids are dressed better than the adults!

Set your self apart!!!! Bring up your standards! Dress appropriately!

Are Reps the Fashion Police—NO and we shouldn’t have to be. Read the Guidelines!

THE BENEFITS OF CAR RENTALS

By LYDIA COLEMAN HUTCHINSON, AKC JUDGE

A situation presented itself last fall in which it became necessary for me to rent a car to drive to a nearby judging assignment. It turned out to be a fortuitous arrangement because I learned that it is much less expensive to rent a car than to drive my own car. With the government mileage rate being over .50 per mile, it would have cost the club that hired me more than twice the amount the rental car company charged me. I have used this method more recently, also. The shows were not that close to where I live but there is no nearby airport to that show site and I would have had to rent a car at the closest airport anyway, so I chose to drive from home in a rental car. Once again my decision saved that club well over half. Another obvious advantage is that I saved the wear and

tear on my own car.

We are fortunate in that we have an Enterprise branch office not far from our home, and I have found that their rates are very reasonable. Sometimes I can get a compact car for less than \$20 per day. Also, Enterprise will bring the car to your home and return you there, also.

With airfares going sky high (pun intended!) it can indeed be more economical to use this method. An example: I am judging shows in Hampton, VA over Memorial Day weekend and had planned to fly to Newport News. The least expensive airfare for a non-stop flight from Washington Dulles to Newport News was \$460. Ridiculous! So I will be driving a rental car once again.



Collie Club of America, Inc.

"Wherever Collies Meet, Your Club Meets"

*BY CCA JUDGES ED. COMMITTEE WITH
APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT ROBERT H. FUTH JR*

Since the creation of the Collie as a breed, the Collie ear has been the nemesis of dedicated breeders. Many factors come into play in achieving the correct ear such as the actual size of the ear, thickness of the ear leather, the placement of the ear on the backskull and the attitude of the dog, so that breeding the perfect ear is challenging.

Reading the Collie standard carefully, one can see the importance that ears have in creating the desired expression, one of the most important points to be considered in evaluating the relative value of a Collie in judging. Our standard calls for the Collie ear to be "in proportion to the size of the head and, if they are carried properly and unquestionably "break" naturally, are seldom too small. Large

ears usually cannot be lifted correctly off the head and even if lifted they will be out of proportion to the size of the head. When in repose the ears are folded lengthwise and thrown back into the frill. On the alert they are drawn well up on the backskull and are carried about three-quarters erect, with about one-fourth of the ear tipping or "breaking" forward. A dog with prick ears or low ears cannot show true expression and is penalized accordingly.

Over the years, breeders have resorted to many different methods to train the ear; among them have been keeping weights in the ear tips when not being shown, gluing, or using products to soften the leather. Today we have more advanced methods such as propping the ear with moleskin or more recently with Japanese tape, especially during the teething period, to successfully train the ear and achieve a correct ear without any surgical alteration. Resorting to surgical alteration is definitely against AKC regulations and should be dealt with accordingly.

If in the evaluation process a judge finds a dog that he considers to have questionable ears, he should examine the ears for scar tissue at the break, which would be the most telltale indication of surgical alteration. Please remember that tipping the head back is not correct, nor reliable, as a method for examining ears for surgical alteration.

INTERVIEW SCHEDULING

BY AKC EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE DELORES BURKHOLDER

Interviews are only conducted at shows. Ideally, your interview should be scheduled on weekends when you are not judging in order to focus on the interview only. When this is not possible and you are judging, the interview will be conducted when both you and the AKC Field Representative are available. The Field Rep could have several interviews scheduled on a weekend along with a number of provisional judges to observe.

Remember, when you request interview dates over a weekend

when you are judging, make sure it is a day when you know you have no more than 4 hours of judging and have plenty of time for an interview. You want to be able to discuss each breed applied for in breed specific terminology including discussing strengths, weakness, type differences and disqualifications for the breed. This discussion takes a good amount of time.

The best results from an interview will be when you are relaxed and fresh in your thinking.

THE MEMORY BANK

Can you define the following?

- 1. Domino**
- 2. Clown Face**
- 3. Chevron pattern**

(Answers on page 13)

CONTACT INFORMATION

REMINDER, you may manage your own contact information if you have created an account using "My AKC" located at the AKC Website. Prior to managing your contact information you will need to have your account linked with your judges' number. Please feel free to email Ines at ixm@akc.org for assistance establishing your account.

SPAR THE TERRIER CORRECTLY – PLEASE!

By AKC Executive Field Representative Anne Katona

The terrier breeds that are sparred in the show ring are born knowing how to spar. Beginning with a breeder evaluation spar, terrier breeders watch littermates spar with each other from the early age of 5 or 6 weeks. As the litter gets older, breeders will have several people bring the pups on leads into a spar to stand naturally on their own and look at each other. The breeder then walks around the group and evaluates each participating puppy. Many breeders use sparring as a tool to evaluate which animal(s) to keep for future breeding programs. A sparring terrier must never be cowardly or aloof during a spar; nor should any terrier's feet leave the ground to "fly" toward another dog. A dog in the air is not under control.

To define the word within the terrier world, spar indicates a terrier has a defined area surrounding himself known as "his space." When another animal approaches into "his space" a terrier will come up on his toes, arch his neck, pull his body into a very alert state and show readiness to defend "his space." Readiness to defend "his space" is accomplished at a rapid speed and each person (judge) must train his/her eye to watch for readiness to happen rapidly. This readiness in the sparring terrier breeds is known as "Terrier attitude."

In the *Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges*, page 14, heading Sparring: "Sparring means bringing select dogs together, usually in the center of the ring, to stand naturally on their own and look at each other. It is important that sparring be a controlled demonstration of "Terrier attitude." It is suggested that only a safe number of dogs be brought out to spar at the same time.

In the show ring, a spar for "Terrier attitude" is a win or lose competition. When a judge requests exhibitors to walk their terriers into the center of the ring, the judge should be watching the dogs

every second. (I suggest no more than two at a time. When correct procedure is used, sparring can be completed quickly). It is up to you as the judge to maintain ring control and not allow exhibitors to use other dogs as bait. The dogs should be very alert, up on their toes, looking for whatever is going on." In a split second or as soon as one of the terriers becomes alert to the other dog, that terrier is the winner of the spar, the other dog lost. Do not give the terrier that lost a second chance...he lost!

Please do not ask the exhibitors to turn their terriers into one another while the dogs are in the line up. In addition, please spar dogs with dogs and bitches with bitches. Do not bring a dog out to spar with a bitch. Some terriers compete with one another each weekend, week in and week out and will like one dog in the line but not another (just like humans!). Most terriers are trained to move away from the line to spar.

A good terrier exhibitor will know if their terrier will be aloof and not spar; therefore, he may try to fool the judge by baiting their dog instead of letting it stand on its own and look at the other dog. If so, that baited terrier loses the spar. A judge might notice baiting happen more often when more than two dogs are brought out at one time to spar. When a judge walks around the dogs while they spar, it tells the exhibitor one of two things: either more dogs were brought out to spar than the judge could watch, or the judge does not understand proper sparring procedure. Any judge should be able to watch two dogs at a time.

If you are a new judge to the terrier ring, please ask a terrier exhibitor/breeder/professional handler who specializes in Terriers or any AKC Rep. for help with correct sparring procedure. This article is to alert judges that there are different types of sparring. The show ring spar is a controlled demonstration of "Terrier attitude."

TO ALL JUDGES OF PEKINGESE

By John French, President, Chair of Judges Education

The Board of Directors of The Pekingese Club of America is in the midst of revising the Pekingese Study Guide. Please note the Pekingese Standard states:

"The Pekingese is a well-balanced, compact dog ... with a heavy front and lighter hindquarters." "Nostrils are wide and open rather than pinched."

The standard refers to Pekingese gait as "free and strong, with a slight roll over the shoulders." Characterizing Pekingese gait as "free and strong" goes back in the Pekingese Standard a long way, as far back as the 1930s. The standard further clarifies that this motion is "smooth and effortless and is as free as possible from bouncing, prancing or jarring."

Judges are urged to seek and reward these essential elements of breed type and soundness. The Pekingese Club of America is

working to educate breeders and judges about the serious long-term consequences of overlooking these essential requirements in Pekingese and will produce an accurate, well-defined study guide as soon as possible.

If you would like to receive a new Study Guide or replace your current one, please contact the Chair of Judges Education, John French at MSTARPK@aol.com.



Thank you,
John French, President
Chair of Judges Education

Meet the AKC Dog Show Judges Division Staff

ASHLEY SODEN, CONFORMATION JUDGING COORDINATOR



Unusual as it seems, Ashley is a local girl. She was born in Durham, NC and grew up between Durham and Raleigh. She was an only child, grew up with pets and says she was raised by the best mom and dad. As a young girl, Ashley wanted to work with whales and dolphins at Sea World. But as she grew, she became more pragmatic, and she decided she wanted to become a lawyer. She studied Law in college and became a paralegal. She quickly realized that private practice was not for her, so she went into the banking industry where she worked in operations for 16½ years in a supervisory capacity.

Ashley's career in banking was punctuated by a two year stint with AKC in the mid 90's. Her interest in the sport and her passion for animals, dogs especially, brought her back to AKC. She joined Judging Operations in 2007 and is responsible for processing Junior Showmanship and adjunct applications and requests for regular status. She also handles much of the day to day administrative details of the department.

Ashley and her husband Michael live with her step son (Tyler) and one dog she calls "Baby Girl" who thinks she is princess of the house. Would any AKC employee let their dog think any less? Since joining the AKC, she has become interested in the Samoyed breed.

Her pet peeve is procrastination.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM THE ATMA

BY MARTHA FELTENSTEIN, ATMA PRESIDENT

When judging the Tibetan Mastiff, please keep in mind that, although there are no disqualifications, 8 faults are specifically referenced. Four of these faults are categorized as severe.

1) Height: Dogs and bitches that are more than one inch below the minimum heights (26" dogs/24" bitches) to be severely faulted. In addition, ATMA would like judges to remember that this is **not** a giant breed, and that the more substantial dog is to be preferred **only if** equal in type, proportion and movement.

2) Eyes: Any shade of brown, deep-set, well apart, almond shaped, and slightly slanting. Rims to be black except in blue, blue and tan dogs and brown dogs, the darkest possible shade of grey or brown. Any other color or shape to be severely faulted.

3) Nose: Black, except with blue or blue and tan dogs, the darkest shade of grey and brown dogs, the darkest shade of brown. Any other color to be severely faulted.

4) Teeth: Missing teeth, overshot or undershot bite, to be faulted.

5) Tail: Must be set high on line with topline, which must be straight and level, and **must** be carried over the back (either in the center of the back or coming down over one hip); tails that are double curled or carried in an incomplete curl, to be faulted.

6) Color/Markings: Black, brown, blue, all with or without tan

markings, and shades of gold. Small white markings on breast and feet acceptable. All other coat colors to be faulted and all other markings (sabling, brindling, white on other areas of the body, or large white markings), to be faulted.

7) Temperament: Aloof and reserved: any sign of shyness is unacceptable and must be severely faulted.

The **Hallmarks** of the breed are the head and the tail.

The head should be broad and impressive, with a massive backskull and heavy, bony brow ridges. The stop is well defined. The muzzle should be broad and well padded, with the length from nose to stop being the same or shorter (**never longer**) than the length from the stop to the well-defined occiput. The lips should be thick, with moderate flews: this is a dry-mouthed breed. A correct head and expression is essential.

The tail **must** curl over the back when the dog is alert or in motion and should balance the large head, making a beautiful and unique outline and **contributing to correct type**.



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From AKC Travel Director, Paula Spector

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If you have any questions,
please contact
AKC's Conference and Travel Department
(212-696-8389).

MEMORY BANK ANSWERS From page 10: 1. Domino - Reversed face mask pattern. 2. Clown Face - Black/white and tan/white markings symmetrically divided by a longitudinal line down the center of the skull and forehead. 3. Chevron pattern - V-shaped pattern.

FILLING OUT YOUR FORM

By AKC EXECUTIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE SUE VROOM

For those expecting an informative article on dietary miracles and body transformation, you will be disappointed. For the ones interested in upgrading the quality of the milieu of paperwork generated by you for the Judging Operations department to go through, this is for you.

It is an amazing phenomenon for me, who spends a fair amount of time listening to conversations among judges about additional breed qualifications, i.e., seminars, mentoring, ring-side observations, Nationals, kennel visits, workshops, lost opportunities due to scheduling conflicts etc, just how much effort, time and expense is put into gaining additional breed approval. These overheard comments have led me to the conclusion that finding and documenting those qualifications-don't forget the certificate- is more important than your grandchild's baptism. I do not mean to treat casually such a time and resource commitment that's putting a drain on your lifestyle or the vital necessity of gaining an education in new breeds with the idea of some day passing judgment on them; rather it is amazing to me that when it comes time to confine this valuable documentation to cohesive line space, things go terribly awry. The Additional Breed application: an innocuous piece of paper that seemingly terrifies test-pilots, litigation attorneys, and well-respected surgeons. Plain speaking, they are often times, a disorganized mess.

I have reviewed applications with names and dates scribbled in the margin, event attendances in such a wild array of date sequence, even a homicide detective couldn't keep track and qualifications noted in places that are a complete mystery as to why it has been written there. No wonder the Judging Operations Department wants us to review it before submission. The office staff would have to be quadrupled in size, not to mention the delay it would mean for you to rectify the problem in order to re-submit. People, this is a job resume which is going to land on the desk of the employer interviewing for the position you have spent so much time, money, blood, sweat and tears training for. It is, hopefully, an impressive document detailing your skills and qualifications. More often the case, it is not the content but the presentation that is sadly lacking.

The application itself is very straightforward in requested requirement listing areas-remember on Additional Breed applications; list the newest event, down to the oldest. No, old stuff does not fall off the radar; it's just that we want to see some educational activity within the last 3 years.

1) Questionnaire. Nothing traumatizing here; you may want to list the breeds for which you are submitting an application in your preference order. You will be asked that in the interview and it would behoove you to spend time in advance considering that

aspect. Also, when listing the shows available for the interview allow 4-5 weeks and do list all 5 show options for you.

2) Specialties Attended. No, major entries at All-Breeds are NOT specialties. At the least it must be a Supported entry by the breed club, if not a Regional held in conjunction with. If it is a National which is offering a National Specialty Study Group (NSSG) which you attended add those words next to it.

3) Educational Activities. NSSG participation is noted by event and presenter in this section also. Please take the time to review the differences of a workshop, seminar and an Institute so it is listed correctly. Certificates accompany this section's criteria. If performance trials are used, they must include the breed applied for.

4) Judging Experience. Pretty straightforward in requirement here, we do not need the entire catalog markings from the experience. If it is a special attraction, meaning a Bred By or Puppy group, it must include the attendance of the breed applied for.

5) Mentoring or Tutoring Experiences. These are less formal sessions with breeders and other creditable sources documented by brief explanation of when, where and who. If the mentor is also an on-going source- add that. Kennel visits are noted in this section using the same format.

6) Ringside Observations. This is exclusively reserved for the formal sessions accompanied by the Ringside Observation form and using the criteria for qualified mentors. In-Ring observations are noted here as well.

Additional information may be listed on a separate page but you must use allotted space on the application first.

The AKC Field Reps do not mind answering questions while one is in the process of compiling credits for further application, however; during the Pre-App interview, we don't expect to have to dig for certificates, go through useless piles of notes from seminars, and pull valuable mentoring experiences from your memory that you didn't know you could use or simply forgot.

On the other side of the too-much-supplied paper issue, are those that bring the application itself to the Pre-App interview, but no supporting documents or certificates of attendance. Speaking for myself, I like to see exactly what is going to be sent to the Judging Operation department before I certify that all documentation will be supplied.

My best advice is that before the first interview with your rep, look over your application and the information you have supplied and ask yourself this: Based on the content and the quality of the presentation, would you want this person evaluating your breeding stock?

THE THIRD STEP

By PETER GAETA

Jim Smith, Delegate for the Dalmatian Club of America, recently submitted the following provocative scenario that applies to judges as well as exhibitors for whom it is intended. – Ed.

I recently came across two statements which I believe every one of us, as breeders and exhibitors, should keep in mind.

The first is by W. Cothran Campbell from his book *Rascals and Racehorses: A Sporting Man's Life*. In it he describes the great horse Kelso as follows: "He didn't take your breath away. He was no matinee idol- just a plain brown wrapper. . . And from a conformation standpoint, he would have been unspectacular but awfully hard to fault."

A friend in another breed referred to a dog as being a "Triumph of mediocrity."

How many of us are guilty of thinking that we have a real topper when in reality "Unspectacular but awfully hard to fault," and "Triumph of mediocrity" are what we have?

Of far greater concern than our own shortcomings in evaluating our dogs is the question of how many judges think they are putting up a topper when in fact it is an animal that fits the other descriptions.

Mr. Smith's vignette should provoke you, as a conformation dog show judge, to rethink your role in the judging process.

I used to think the judging of dogs is a two step process, it is rather a three step process. Step one: the judge is charged with the responsibility to rank dogs class by class. Step two: the judge also has a responsibility to rate the dogs judged. It is not enough to say which are better than which. The true challenge of judging dogs and the test of a judge's insight is the determination of which, if any

exhibits, are worthy.

You must remember that there is no entitlement connected with entering a class or for that matter winning a class. That is to say, there is no guarantee of a blue ribbon, or a ribbon at all, in a class regardless of its size. It is also to say that a blue ribbon is no guarantee of a Winners ribbon. Awards can and should be withheld on the basis of quality, worth or whatever you wish to call it. And ribbons may be withheld at any level. This second step in judging dogs is all-important, and a judge is not finished until this consideration is made and awards are made, or not, accordingly. Do not stop judging and place a class before you are finished with the difficult and sometimes uncomfortable task of rating the entry.

Step three is silence. Once you have ranked your classes and rated your selections, your responsibility is satisfied: finished. The judge who is compelled to discuss the latest "Topper" he found this morning or last week forsakes the office of judge and becomes the agent to the dog(s). At that point he/she has invited, indeed commanded, scrutiny each time another judge puts his/her hands on "Topper," and, by the way announced that he/she has abdicated judgeship and become loyal cheerleader. No others need apply. I will not speculate on why judges become cheerleaders, but I cannot think of a possibility that is flattering.

Truth: if Topper is spectacular, you insult your colleagues' intelligence when you assume they may not find him. Truth: if Topper is spectacular, and your colleagues are competent, they will find him. Truth: Topper may well be your "Triumph of mediocrity," and you will be better served to not advertise it. Truth: you are the judge not the cheerleader.

Whether you are at the judges' cocktail party, dinner or luncheon or are just at your kennel club meeting, be mindful that you expressed your opinion when you pointed. Thereafter, in the interest of fair play and your own reputation, silence is the best third step.

JUST THE FAQ'S

By KATIE RUDOLPH

Question: How do I get approved for a Group?

Answer: When provisional status for the balance of the breeds in a group is granted, so is the provisional approval to judge that group. Upon completion of five (5) assignments in each breed with dogs present to complete a Group, you may request Regular Status. Regular status for the group is automatically granted with regular status for the balance of the breeds in that group.

Question: How do I get approved for Miscellaneous Breeds?

Answer: All miscellaneous breeds are automatically granted upon receiving Regular status on your first group.

Question: How do I get approved for Best in Show?

Answer: Best In Show approval must be requested in writing to Judging Operations. You must have Regular Status for at least one group and judged that group 5 times.



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