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## Beauceron and Swedish Vallhund

The Beauceron and Swedish Vallhund have been accepted into the Herding Group, effective date **June 1, 2007**.

Approval to judge these breeds is based on the following schedule:

**December 1, 2006** - Begin accepting applications

**January 1, 2007** - All Breed and Herding Group judges will receive automatic approval to judge these breeds at shows held after June 1, 2007. *(The Breed Standards and Tests will be mailed to the eligible judges. The Judges Illustrated Guide will be available at the AKC Website)*

**February 16, 2007** - Deadline for **ADJUNCT applications** to be received in the office together with \$25 application processing fee. *(Applicants who miss this deadline date must apply under the current application process.)*

**March 1, 2007** - **Additional breed applicants** accepted for the Balance of the Herding Group prior to this date must take and pass the breed standard tests in order to receive Provisional status in these two breeds.

**March 16, 2007** - Last date for **ADJUNCT application** interview to be conducted.

**April 10, 2007** - **ADJUNCT applications** will be submitted to the April Staff Committee meeting. If accepted, breed standard test will be sent to the applicant.

**June 1, 2007** - Provisional status granted once the applicant has taken and *passed* the breed standard test.

### **APPLY UNDER THE ADJUNCT SYSTEM**

Members of the fancy who can demonstrate significant background in the breed may apply to judge under the Adjunct System. Examples of "significant background" would be:

Experience in owning, breeding, exhibiting and handling the breed.

Background in judging multiple events with a significant number of entries.

First time applicants must have 10-12 years breeding

experience, take and pass the Procedural and Anatomy Exams, have judged at AKC or Non-AKC events at least six times and stewarded at least 6 times at AKC® member or licensed events. **(Procedural and Anatomy Exams must be requested through Judging Operations and submitted with application).**

Applicants who meet these requirements may apply by requesting an application from Judging Operations in North Carolina at 919-816-3588 or [judgingops@akc.org](mailto:judgingops@akc.org). The application may also be downloaded from the AKC's website (Dog Events/Judges/Applications/Conformation).

## Judging Juniors and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

*By Carol Williams, President*

*American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.*

When judging Junior Showmanship competition, you may not be familiar with the breed standard of every exhibit in the ring, nor is it required, as you are not judging the quality of the dogs. You are there to judge the competency with which each Junior shows their special exhibit and you should absolutely know how each breed should be presented.

In the AKC publication, CONFORMATION JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING JUNIORS IN CONFORMATION, JUNIORS IN PERFORMANCE EVENTS REGULATIONS the instructions under BREED PRESENTATION are as follows; "While the judge must consider all areas important in evaluating the overall capabilities of

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## Juniors and Spaniels *continued from front page*

Juniors, it is doubly important both that the Junior present his dog in the proper manner for the breed being handled and that the judge be cognizant of the proper presentation for the breed.”

Within the past month, Juniors have told me that some judges have asked them to kneel in the ring and hand stack their Cavaliers. I have also recently heard that some trainers are advising Junior handlers of Cavaliers to kneel and hand stack their dogs as they will have a better chance of winning if they do. **THIS IS WRONG!!** Cavaliers are always to be shown with the handler standing. To quote from a letter sent a few years ago to all judges of Cavaliers by the Judges Education Committee of the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club (ACKCSC), “Standing in the ring, still on a loose lead, a Cavalier should be alert, animated and appear handled by remote control. There is absolutely no excuse for the exhibitor to be down on his knees...”

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Breed Guide published by the ACKCSC, clearly describes RING PRESENTATION: “In the ring, the Cavalier is to be handled naturally and with a minimum of fuss. They are normally shown on loose or semi-loose leads and are allowed to self-stack while free baiting with their handler standing. As the breed has become more popular and more people are new to the breed, we see handlers on their knees hand stacking their dogs. This is totally unacceptable and judges should instruct exhibitors who make this mistake to stand while showing their Cavaliers. Nothing equals the picture of a Cavalier standing on it's own, slowly wagging it's tail.

Don't expect Cavaliers to stand like statues in the ring. It is not in their nature to do so. They are alert, curious and interested in what is going on around them and should not be penalized for fidgeting.

Tail holding is never practiced in the Cavalier ring, not even for pictures. The outline is quickly spoiled if the tail is held out setter-style as it gives a rather alien look to the breed.

Cavaliers are not to be raced around the ring. They are to be shown at a moderate trot. Faster is not better in the Cavalier ring. Let this be known to your exhibitors before they begin gaiting their dogs.

Cavaliers should be impeccably turned out for the ring; clean, brushed and shining. This is a naturally presented breed totally free from any trimming, sculpting or cosmetic alteration of any kind. This means NO trimming of whiskers or feet, NO thinning out the neck or cleaning out the throat area, NO sculpting of shoulders and hindquarters. This is part of breed type and the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club implores all judges to respect and enforce this part of the standard.

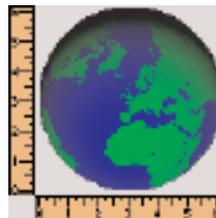
As a rule, Cavalier exhibitors know all of these things and will respect a judge who has taken the time to learn and enforce these correct procedures in the ring.”

Cavalier breeders, exhibitors and the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club are proud of our Junior Handlers. We encourage them and support them. We hope that each judge who takes a Junior Showmanship assignment does so because they enjoy judging the boys and girls and are interested enough and care enough to learn how the breeds being handled in this arena are to be presented. The people in this ring are the future of our sport.

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### Measuring Distance

*By Ines Maldonado,  
Manager of Judging Operations*



To verify mileage and check for potential conflicts you may use this website to calculate distances between cities:  
[www.indo.com/distance/](http://www.indo.com/distance/)  
Or you may call the AKC Events Plans Department at 919-816-3579.

## A Vow to Consider

By Edd Bivin

So often I hear judges bemoan the lack of quality present in today's dog show ring. Yet, I seldom hear judges bemoan that the lack of quality was produced by the dogs that we have all awarded championship points to and inadvertently created champions to which people have bred and produced another generation of non spectacular dogs.

Quite by chance, during a recent trip to Finland I was part of a conversation in which three very prominent and much respected judges from that country were discussing the fact that at the World Show in Berne, Switzerland a few years back several sight hound and other breeds had been won by seven or so dogs bred in Finland. Now, in case you don't recall, Finland is a small country but one in which there is great devotion to detail and quality. These judges

during that discussion in Berne at that show recognized that it was through their efforts in recognizing quality and devoting themselves to that quality that they had been able to produce these excellent dogs who had achieved so much at such a prominent show.

It was also while they were there that they vowed to reward only the good and excellent dogs that were presented for their consideration in their home country and by doing so would send an educational message of what was good in the ring and therefore good in the breeding program. They vowed to instruct and teach that high quality to their next generation of judges and breeders and to insist upon its being maintained.

To be certain, such a vow on our part would serve us well.

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## Are Manners Important?

By Anne Katona

Due to the costs involved in having a show, clubs are finding it more and more financially difficult. Hiring judges is only a small part of that cost. An invitation to adjudicate is a privilege that is offered from a show giving club. Often a particular judge is invited to give support and aid in making their show a success. What should the judge offer the club in return? Hopefully, they receive a judge that has passion for the sport; a judge that will smile at the exhibitors, have a gentle hand on all dogs including puppies, and actually ACT like they are enjoying themselves in the ring. The exhibitor is not asking too much to expect that a judge be courteous to them and nice to their dogs.

When a class comes into the ring, look the class over immediately by walking down the line and looking (not glancing) at each exhibit. Then give the first person in line clear verbal directions. Example: "Circle around 1 and 1/2 times, passing this position once, then on the table for examination". Give each exhibitor enough time to "stack" before approaching the dog especially that first person in the line!

One does not have to say hello to every exhibitor, but do say hello to every dog when approaching it for examination. Dogs enjoy people talking to them and will usually wag once or twice to say hello back. By doing this small little "task," already the judge has put

both dog and exhibitor at ease. Some dogs get really excited if talked to, so do not carry on a conversation with the dog, only a quick hello will suffice. If it is a breed with limited vision; i.e., Chows, Skye, Kerry Blue, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers or any of the bearded breeds, saying hello makes the animal aware someone is approaching and will probably touch them. After the individual examination, again, be specific with verbal directions. Just waving a hand toward the end of the ring does not tell an exhibitor to do a down and back. Actually use a voice and say "Down and back, please!" One hopes one will not mumble the directions either.

While each dog moves, please actually watch the entire time. Everyone understands some exhibits should not be in the ring, however, each exhibitor is owed respect for thinking enough of a particular judge that they entered a dog to show to them. When the individual has moved as requested, say "thank you" and ask the exhibitor to go around to the end of the line, or "please go to the end of the line." Good manners used by a judge are appreciated by the exhibitor as are those same good manners that a judge expects to receive from an exhibitor. Most judges expect an exhibitor to say thank you for a class placement (even if it is not the one the exhibitor expected to receive), why would an exhibitor not expect good manners from a judge too?

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## 2006/2007 JUDGES' BREED STUDY GROUPS AND SEMINARS

\* denotes parent club sanctioned

## SPORTING

PA King of Prussia— January 5, 2007

\* "The Cocker Spaniel" by Robert Ennis  
Sponsored by the American Spaniel Club  
Flushing Spaniel Show Contact Julie  
Virosteck; (760) 248-2664;  
Julie@DoggoneCockers.com;  
www.ASC-CockerSpaniel.Org.

PA King of Prussia— January 5, 2007

\* "The Field Spaniel" by Nancy  
Clendenen Sponsored by the American  
Spaniel Club Flushing Spaniel Show  
Contact Julie Virosteck; (760) 248-2664;  
Julie@DoggoneCockers.com;  
www.ASC-CockerSpaniel.org.

PA King of Prussia— January 5, 2007

\* "The Welsh Springer Spaniel" by  
Adrienne Bancker Sponsored by the  
American Spaniel Club Flushing Spaniel  
Show Contact Julie Virosteck;  
(760) 248-2664;  
Julie@DoggoneCockers.com;  
www.ASC-CockerSpaniel.org.

MD La Plata — March 2, 2007

"The Brittany", "The Cocker Spaniel",  
"The Welsh Springer Spaniel" Sponsored  
by the Maryland Sporting Dog Association.  
Contact Laurie Doumaux; 7447 Clifton  
Rd., Clifton, VA 20124; 703-250-4835;  
oahunorth@aol.com.

TX Dallas — March 24, 2007

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

KY Ft. Mitchell — April 21, 2007

\*"The German Shorthaired Pointer"  
Sponsored by the German Shorthaired  
Pointer Club of America. Contact: Betsy  
Yates; (614)855-3517, byates@insight.rr.com

NJ Somerset — April 21-22, 2007

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

## SPORTING

FL Ocala — April 27-28, 2007

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

PA Mars — May 24, 2007

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

MD Frederick— June 26, 2007

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

## HOUND

PA King of Prussia — January 5, 2007

\*"The Otterhound" Sponsored by the  
Otterhound Club of America. Contact  
Arlyne Smith; (708) 756-7405;  
arlynebearsden@aol.com

NJ West Trenton — February 17-18, 2007

"Conformation Handling Seminar" by Bill  
Sahloff and Mike Szabo Sponsored by the  
Greater Valley Forge Rhodesian Ridgeback  
Club. Contact Stacey Fineburg;  
(609) 577-7080; slfineburg@att.net.

TX Dallas — March 25, 2007

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

NC Fontana Dam — April 27-28, 2007

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

KY Lexington— June 8, 2007

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

## WORKING

MS Jackson— December 15, 2006

"The Siberian Husky" by Jean Fournier  
Sponsored by the Mississippi State Kennel  
Club and Brandon Kennel Club of  
Mississippi Contact Debbie Cox; PO Box  
998, Jackson, MS 39043; (601) 825-0408;  
canuckcorgis@aol.com;  
bproctormd@aol.com; www.msstatekc.com.

CA San Bernardino— January 26, 2007

"Neapolitan Mastiff" by Peggy Wolfe,  
"The Tibetan Mastiff", by Martha  
Feltenstein Sponsored by the Tri - Valley  
Working Dog Club of Pinon Hills; Contact  
Terry Denney-Combs; 14755 Yucca Street,  
Hesperia, CA 92345-3319; (760) 949-0318;  
Pytpacker@aol.com.

MN St. Paul— January 5, 2007

"The Alaskan Malamute" Sponsored by the  
North Star Working Group Association and  
Land O Lakes Kennel Club. Contact Kathy  
Francis; 44499 443rd Lane, Mankato, MN  
56003; (507) 947-3155; akipap@aol.com.

IN Indianapolis— February 7, 2007

"The Doberman Pinscher" Sponsored by  
the Doberman Pinscher Club of Indiana and  
the Central Indiana Judges Association.  
Contact Evie Sullivan; (317) 862-6997;  
EES-1@WebTV.Net.

CO Ft. Collins — April 21-22, 2007

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

WY Cheyenne — September 21-23, 2007

\* Judges Education Seminar and Ringside  
Mentoring "The St. Bernard" Sponsored by  
the St. Bernard Club of America in  
conjunction with the National Specialty.  
Contact Joan Zielinski, 29625 144th Ave.  
SE, Kent, WA 98042; (253) 631-1352;  
joan@stoans.com.

**TERRIER**

MD Frederick— January 23, 2007

“The Silky Terrier” by Irma Marshall  
Sponsored by the Mason-Dixon Dog  
Judges Association ; Contact Al  
Ferruggiaro; (301) 421-1930;  
alf198@yahoo.com.

TX Plano — March 23, 2007

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

TX Dallas — May 26-27, 2007

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

IL Grayslake— June 15, 2007

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

IL Grayslake— June 15, 2007

“The Staffordshire Bull Terrier” by Jean  
Richardson Sponsored by the Great Lakes  
All Terrier Association; Contact Marcia  
Feld; 10054 Tamarack Lane, Libertyville,  
IL 60048-3617; (847) 362-4237;  
mfeld@ prod igy.net; Judy Thill;  
(563) 588-9380; Dubwyre@aol.com.

IL Grayslake— June 15, 2007

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

**TOY**

MI Howell — March 28, 2007

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

**NON-SPORTING**

FL Brookeville— January 17, 2007

“The Boston Terrier” by Carl Gomes  
Sponsored by the Clearwater Kennel Club  
and Mid-Florida Judges Study Group;  
Contact Peggy Hauck; (407) 366- 5978;  
peggyhauck@bellsouth.net.

CO Brighton — April 14, 2007

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

KY Fort Mitchell — May 27, 2007

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

CO Longmont — May 29, 2007

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

**HERDING**

IL New Lenox— January 5, 2007

\* “Beauceron Judges Seminar” by Earl  
Karas Sponsored by the North Star Herding  
Group Club and Land O Lakes Kennel  
Club. Contact Beverly Capstick; 8615 Haug  
Ave. NE, Monticello, MN 55362;  
(763) 295-6206; bcapstick@tds.net.

**HERDING**

NC Concord — March 27, 2007

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

OR Albany - April 5, 2007

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

MD Towson - April 19-20, 2007

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

NJ Piscataway - May 3, 2007

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

TX Austin - May 19-20, 2007

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

CA San Bernardino- January 26, 2007

“Neapolitan Mastiff” by Peggy Wolfe,  
“The Tibetan Mastiff”, by Martha  
Feltenstein Sponsored by the Tri - Valley  
Working Dog Club of Pinon Hills; Contact  
Terry Denney-Combs; 14755 Yucca Street,  
Hesperia, CA 92345-3319; (760) 949-0318;  
Pyrpacker@aol.com.

MD Frederick - February 27, 2007

“The Pyrenean Shepherd”, by Whitney and  
Nancy Coombs Sponsored by the Mason-  
Dixon Dog Judges Association. Contact Al  
Ferruggiaro; (301) 421-1930;  
alf198@yahoo.com.

### MULTIPLE BREEDS

MA Boston- December 9, 2006

"The Judging Application Process", "Judging Juniors", "The Boxer", "The Rhodesian Ridgeback", "The Golden Retriever" Sponsored by the Bay Colony Cluster. Contact Wendy Willhauck; 601 East St., Mansfield, MA 02048; (508) 339-9242; frostfield@aol.com.

OR Portland- January 20-21, 2007

"The Canaan Dog" by Cynthia Grupp, "The Belgian Breeds /Comparative" by Janina Laurin, "The Bouviers" by Cheryl Calm, "The Bearded Collie" by Carl and Kay Widell, "The Pul" by Anna Quigley and Chris Levy, "The Cardigan Welsh Corgi" by Susan and Don Lassila, "The Australian Cattle Dog" by Patti Salliday, "The Old English Sheepdog" by Colleen Grady Sponsored by the Oregon Dog Judges; Contact Christie C. Smith; 11320 S.W. Ambiance Ct., Tigard, OR 97223-3910; (503)639-8403; dekta@aol.com; Kay Reamensnyder; (360) 887-3449; bedkar@earthlink.net; David and SharonKrogh; (503) 557-3852; kroghs@aol.com.

### MULTIPLE BREEDS

CA San Bernardino- January 26, 2007

"Neapolitan Mastiff" by Peggy Wolfe, "The Tibetan Mastiff", by Martha Feltenstein Sponsored by the Tri - Valley Working Dog Club of Pinon Hills; Contact Terry Denney-Combs; 14755 Yucca Street, Hesperia, CA 92345-3319; (760) 949-0318; Pырpacker@aol.com.

NY New York - February 9 & 10, 2007

"The English Springer Spaniel - Welsh Springer Spaniel Comparison", by Henriette Schmidt, Karen Miller, Adrienne Bancker, Meghan Bassel, "The Irish Water Spaniel", by Betty Wathne, "The Norwegian Elkhound", by Ed Hall, "The Basset Hound", by Dr. Claudia Orlandi, "The Bullmastiff - Dogue de Bordeaux Comparison", by Virginia Rowland and Val Barr, "The Portuguese Water Dog", Dr. Elizabeth Trainor, "The Anatolian Shepherd", "The Bull Terrier and Miniature Bull Terrier", by Dr. Carl Pew and Giselle Simonds, "The American Staffordshire Terrier", by Sara Nugent, "The Staffordshire Bull Terrier", by Dana Merritt, The Papillon", by Charlotte McGowan and Lou Ann King, "The Toy

### MULTIPLE BREEDS

Fox Terrier", by Margi Hill, "The Lowchen", by Carol Strong, "The Chow Chow", by Carmen Blankenship, The Briard - Beauceron Comparison", Meg Weitz and Earl Karas, "The Australian Shepherd", by Sheila Polk, "The Belgian Tervuren, Sheepdog and Malinois" by Edeltraud Laurin Sponsored by the Dog Judges Association of America. Contact Karen Wilson; gkarengary@aol.com; or Linda More; lindamore@earthlink.net.

SC Greenville - February 16-17, 2007

"The Hound Group and Herding Group: Basenjis, Borzois, Dachshunds, Pharoah Hounds, Border Collies, Bouvier des Flandres, German Shepherd Dogs, Old English Sheepdogs and a Comparison of the Cardigan and Pembroke Welsh Corgis" Sponsored by the Carolina Dog Judges Study Group. Contact Dorothy F. Martin; (803) 831- 8086; dfm1225@bellsouth.net.

### CORRECTION

*In the Fall Newsletter, in the Tibetan Mastiff Standard, on page 9, in the description of the Neck, Topline and Body, the chest is described as "Rather deep, of moderate breadth, with reasonable summer of rib." It should read "Rather deep, of moderate breadth, with reasonable spring of rib." We would like to think the error was generated by a computer with an unseasonable sense of humor but know better. Our apologies.*

## Are Manners Important?

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In the last AKC Judges Newsletter, Florence Males, AKC Representative, wrote her idea of the Judging Pyramid, "the judge immediately makes a partial assessment as to which ones (exhibits) will advance before any individual judging takes place." However, Ms. Males did not say don't watch those that are not in the "running." Ignoring those "out of the running" exhibits, in my opinion, is rude to the entered individual. Everyone loves their dog, and even if a judge knows he/she will not place that exhibit in the class, use the same technique with every exhibit. Judging efficiently while staying within the guidelines of the breed standard, a judge will easily stay within the time limits and still have a fun day.

The late Frank Oberstar thought of dog shows as a party where he would enjoy being with three to four thousand of his closest friends. Just put on a smiley face, put any signs of a temper in a pocket, do away with any superior attitude, then face each show day as the only day a judge has to do what he truly enjoys - judging dogs!

## Patching in the Dalmatian

By Elaine Lindhorst

The Dalmatian Club of America would like to remind all judges as to what constitutes a patch in the Dalmatian breed. A patch is a disqualifying fault and it is very important that all judges understand exactly what constitutes a patch. We have become aware that some judges have been disqualifying Dalmatians as being patched that are not, as well as instances of Dalmatians that were awarded class placements that were, in fact, patched.

The AKC Standard for the Dalmatian defines patching as follows:

“A patch is a solid mass of black or liver hair containing no white hair. It is appreciably larger than a normal sized spot. Patches are a dense, brilliant color with sharply defined, smooth edges. Patches are

present at birth. Large color masses formed by intermingled or overlapping spots are not patches. Such masses should indicate individual spots by uneven edges and/or white hairs scattered throughout the mass.”

The Dalmatian Club of America has produced an extremely informative video on the subject of color in the Dalmatian. This video can be obtained by contacting the Dalmatian Club of America through its website [www.thedca.org](http://www.thedca.org). The Dalmatian Illustrated Standard provides additional information on patching, and is also available for download at the DCA website.

If you have questions about patching or any other aspect of the Dalmatian, please contact Elaine Lindhorst, DCA Judges Education Chairperson, [centdals@charter.net](mailto:centdals@charter.net).

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## Lights . . . Cameras . . . Action

By Michael Canalizo, AKC Executive Field Representative

Televised Dog Shows have become a staple of the American Public. Many of those in our judging ranks are becoming recognizable figures, parading across brightly colored carpets in lavish garments with great dogs and a lot of pressure to get it all correctly sorted out.

The chain of events starts with a letter, usually years in advance, and with it comes the vow of confidentiality until the appropriate time is announced. That is always a difficult situation, because one has to dance around judging conflicts without being able to divulge the reason. Be prepared; there is always that one club that has hired you 3 years in advance, and you have to be especially careful to avoid conflict.

There are some important things to consider when doing shows of this caliber besides what you are going to wear, but that's only a major concern for the ladies, because all men's tuxedos have vent pockets for those little wired microphones you'll need to have hidden somewhere on your person. There will be many dress rehearsals in one's mind in advance of the big day. But try not to find a new and different approach as to how to run a group ring. Be prepared for a script to follow for various reasons. An extremely important aspect is that there are strict FCC guidelines with time constraints a production company must adhere to or huge fines could be levied. Most of the judges at the televised level are our senior judges with a

quick eye and the ability to assess it all with split second accuracy. These are the judges who don't need to “pet them bald” in order to determine their virtues. Watch and learn from most of them. Some even confer as the date nears. I remember one legendary figure being asked by a first time judge at this level if she had any advice when she gets out there in the huge ring... “Yes,” she said... “Never walk backwards”!

Each club has a pre-judging meeting where specifics relative to the format are detailed. It helps all concerned to have a smoothly run event with continuity. Lots of anxious moments all seem to evaporate once one is ushered into the limelight as the result of well scripted directions.

The public loves to hear the judges share a kind word acknowledging the win, so be sure to speak clearly and with brevity. This is a good place to be reminded that you should be prepared to give a “sound bite” AKA: a brief interview about some of your personal thoughts. Always take the time to formulate your thoughts and watch for being anything but positive about every aspect of the sport.

These mega events are here to stay and our judging community has great potential to prove to millions just how capable they are. Now if we could only get the exhibitors to understand when the lens is on them, they don't need to be shoveling food in every dog's mouth...but that's another article in the wings!

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## Perceptions of Evaluations

By Delores Burkholder and Sue Vroom,  
AKC Executive Field Representatives

Conversations and opinions among individuals pertaining to any subjective evaluation, whether it is the structural integrity of a missile, or the artistic merit of a Picasso, leave much room for interpretation. Input from knowledgeable individuals, leaves an impression on our intellects giving a more diversified view of the subject being discussed.

In the specific case of discussions between judges and Field Reps pertaining to the sorting of a class or an entire entry at the conclusion of judging, certain dynamics come into play. The conversation that ordinarily follows the judging contains an accounting by the judge and the input from the rep about what was observed. In the course of this, sometimes a specific exhibit comes under scrutiny for the purpose of an example of type, quality or otherwise. This individual dog could have come from any class as the distinction of champion or non-champion would have no relevance to the example. Discussing the merits of a quality, meaning above average dog of correct type for the breed standard, is not "promoting". It is the field rep's responsibility to discuss the prioritization thought process with provisional judges following an assignment. Critiquing or "constructive criticism" is a valued teaching tool. The article, "At The End Of The Day", from the summer '06 Judge's Newsletter was inspired by All-Breed judges discussing their day's judging at dinner one evening. Judges will typically mentally replay the day's judging and sometimes find what they call "do over's" or "I could have done a better job of that class by considering different priorities or details of specific breed type". If very experienced judges find they could have judged a breed differently, surely newer ones to a breed would benefit by discussing breed type with the field reps who have had many opportunities to view this breed in all parts of the country, in all different levels of quality or lack thereof and discuss this very same breed with many judges of all levels of experience.

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Is it necessary for a discussion of individual dogs among qualified individuals to be misconstrued as promotion? And if so, the opportunity of any benefit from the discussion is diminished to non-existent. How is that productive to the betterment of education? If exclusion of any positive model as an example to help set the eye becomes the rule, it will be detrimental to any useful outcome of a discussion for educational purposes. Generic non-specific composites of a breed from a computer could be used in place of any reference to actual dogs which one put his hands on that day, but is that a reasonable solution? Or would a more practical viewpoint be to derive benefit from examples judged that day and not see it as someone's promotional advertisement.

Field Staff and Judges must maintain an open, positive, and confidential relationship in order to allow productive dialogue through critiques and discussions about breed evaluations. This will ensure the integrity of quality judging owed to the exhibitors without the threat of being accused of "promotion".

## Separate Events

By Robin Stansell, AKC Director of Event Operations

Perhaps the most frequent question of Judging Operations has to do with the distinguishing of events for the purpose of judging Sweepstakes and exhibiting on the same weekend. Robin Stansell, Vice President of Events, offers these guidelines.

In days gone by, "event numbers" told the story. Today with the computer age, that is no longer true.

A multi-day specialty by the same club is one event.

One indicator would be "If different judges are used for the same regular classes, it will be a different event." Or if there is only one BOB or BOV it is only one event.

A Designated Specialty within an all-breed is only classes of the all-breed show.

Back-to-back shows by the same club are two shows even if held in one day. (This can happen at Specialties, Obedience or Rally).

If there are any questions, you may call Bobby Birdsong (919) 816-3571 or Robin Stansell (919) 816-3646.

## Weights and Measures

*By Lee Herr, AKC Executive Field Representative*

Measuring or weighing a breed for compliance with a breed standard is not, and should not be a complicated procedure, however it is a specific process. Therefore it is important the correct procedure is followed. The procedure for measuring is similar to the procedure for weighing.

The correct procedure incorporates a process of checks & cross checks to instill confidence in the exhibitor that the process is fair & accurate. Only you (as the Judge) or another competitor in the ring may request that a height or weight determination of an exhibit be performed.

If a valid request is made, you are required to comply with the request. Furthermore, if you as the Judge suspect any entry is not within required limits, either weight or height, it must be checked.

However, no dog may be measured, if the standard does not include a height or weight disqualification or that is not competing in a class or division with a height or weight specification.

When the wicket or scales are called for, judging should continue if possible until the wicket arrives. Once the wicket is in the ring, you must set the wicket to the required height then verify the setting with the exhibitor of the dog being measured. Likewise, scales must be calibrated & verified.

The next step in measuring is to instruct the exhibitor to set the dog up on the table (or solid, level ground for large breeds). If you don't like the way the dog is stacked or positioned, you can request it be set-up again. If it continues to be unacceptable, excuse it and mark your book "excused, unable to measure."

It is critical that you **DO NOT MOVE, REPOSITION OR HOLD ANY PART OF THE EXHIBIT, OR LEAD** during the measuring or weighing process.

If the set-up of the exhibit is acceptable, you look for & find the highest point of the shoulder blades. Then, while holding the top of the wicket, bring it over the dog, from behind and lightly place it down onto the highest point of the withers or shoulders **ONCE**, and check to see if the legs touch the table or platform. The process should be smooth, decisive and accurate. Do not repeat. Be consistent. The procedure is the same for all dogs of all breeds.

Furthermore, once you decide to measure an entry, go ahead and measure at that time. If the dog measures out, any further examination would be unnecessary.

Deviating from the accepted procedure can lead to a perception of inaccuracy and subject a Judge to undeserved

scrutiny. This could taint the integrity of the whole process. It is your responsibility as a Judge to uphold the credibility, accuracy, and confidence in the entire procedure.

The final step is to mark your Judge's book, either "Measured in" or "Measured out". If it "Measures out" indicate whether it is a disqualification or it is ineligible to compete in that class or division.

The entire procedure for correctly Measuring or Weighing an exhibit is covered in chapter 14 sections 3 & 4 of "Rules Applying to Dog Shows" and in "Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges".

## Making the "A" Team

*by William Holbrook, AKC Executive Field Representative*

Were you an "A" student? Or maybe just an average "C" person? Hmm... The reason I ask is because I'm constantly asked: "Do I have enough to get some more breeds?" Our guidelines are quite clear about what the Judge's Dept needs to move you along. Yes, we know that Neopolitan Mastiffs **MAY** have a National somewhere, or that you may only get to see one or two at a show; and are there really Breeders with ten years experience, etc. The Department has recently published those breeds with small numbers-I guess my point is that it is time to get realistic about what you apply for and when!

Does your application barely meet the requirements we ask for or are you a "C" applicant! Would you want some Judge with your knowledge to judge **YOUR** dog? Think about it--we do!

Now, I have heard all the reasons why an applicant can't meet the requirements and some are, of course, good. But by and large, there isn't any reason you can't strive to be an "A" judge! The fancy deserves it, and certainly you do also. The next time you apply, really think about what you are doing--are you just asking for more--you need more breeds so you will be "worth more to the clubs," you need more because "Tom or Sally got more," or any other nonreason!

All of us have judges we admired and disliked--what will you be?

Remember, our life would be wonderful if the world were staffed by the "A" judge!

## A Mentor, Your Mentor

By Peter Gaeta, AKC Director of Judging Operations

While this may sound heady and esoteric, the research involved took about ten seconds in a desktop dictionary.

In Greek Legend, Mentor is a loyal friend and wise advisor of Odysseus who invites him to become the teacher and guardian of his son, Telemachus. Hence the modern definition of “mentor”: A wise, loyal advisor. And this is what the American Kennel Club considers a mentor, a wise and loyal advisor.

While not all judges or breeders are prepared or ready to mentor, many are. And, of course, many have already mentored very promising new judges. So, whatever your aspirations are, whatever your interests are, there is likely a mentor available. It becomes your responsibility to find a good one and cultivate the relationship necessary to make him or her your mentor.

Remember, Mentor was the loyal friend, wise adviser to, and the teacher and guardian of Odysseus' son. This relationship clearly spanned at least two generations and was characterized by frequent interaction to advise and to

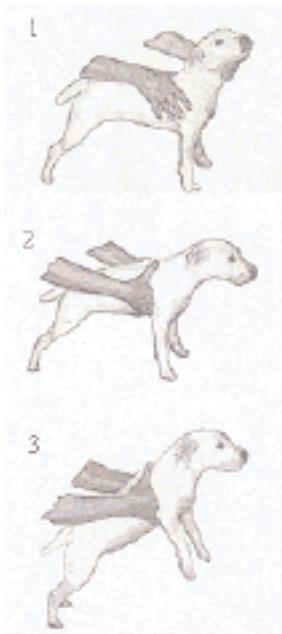
teach. Your mentoring relationship will surely be established much sooner. However, it is not established in an afternoon interview following an assignment. It is not established sitting ringside watching a breed with a successful breeder. It is not established observing a breeder-judge while in the ring even if you exchange telephone numbers, promise to call and in fact talk on the telephone a time or two.

Your mentor is that knowledgeable someone with whom you have invested enough time and effort to have demonstrated sincerity and credibility and to whom you have given your loyalty and earned theirs. And then you invest the time and effort to begin learning what your mentor has to teach. You remain in touch and open to discuss what you have done, and you continue to learn.

Establishing a mentor relationship involves commitment to an ongoing process conducted in absolute confidence. It is effective and worthwhile in direct proportion to your sincere investment of time and effort.

### How to “Span” A Parson Russell Terrier

From the Parson Russell Terrier Association of America Website  
([www.prtaa.org](http://www.prtaa.org))



To measure a terrier's chest, span from behind, raising only the front feet from the ground, and compress gently. Directly behind the elbows is the smaller, firm part of the chest. The central part is usually larger but should feel rather elastic. Span with hands tightly behind the elbows on the forward portion of the chest. The chest must be easily spanned by average size hands. Thumbs should meet at the spine and fingers should meet under the chest. This is a significant factor and a critical part of the judging process. The dog can not be correctly judged without this procedure.

### Judges Education Department

The Judges Education Department provides support and educational experiences for conformation judges and prospective judges. Included in the responsibilities of the department is the maintenance of the Judges Education Coordinator list, as well as supplying support material and information.

Educational programs such as the AKC Judges Institute, Advanced Institute, Procedural Seminars and How to Judge Juniors are developed, coordinated and conducted by this department.

The Special Services Department assists Parent Clubs with Breed Standards. Requests for information and assistance regarding the revision of Breed Standards should be directed to Mari-Beth O'Neill, Assistant Vice President for Special Services, (919) 816-3594; [mbo@akc.org](mailto:mbo@akc.org).

## Western Dog Judges Association of America, Inc.

CIEDJA (California Inland Empire Dog Judges Association) who has hosted judges education seminars over the past few years, is changing its name to Western Dog Judges Association of America and is in the process of incorporation as a nonprofit entity.

Please note it as a national club in your next update for the judges newsletter and to the AKC site.

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## Appearances

A relatively newly approved judge, in an inquiry about the content of the AKC Institute, asks the following question. While it is a question, it suggests concern expressed by one of our own about how we are perceived. It is posed here as a rhetorical question: as food for thought, if you will. The overwhelming majority of our judges are capable, passionate, well-mannered fanciers, but there are those who do not quite fit the mold.

Mary Alice is passionate about her breed, is very active in her parent club and is committed to judges' education. Her letter:

"Do you address how a judge acts outside of the ring, more specifically as an exhibitor or breeder? How does AKC educate judges or aspiring judges who have less than admirable manners, e.g. poor losers, users of foul language, excessive critics of their competitors, people refusing to clean up their own dog's fecal matter, or more seriously, dyeing their dogs' coats or surgically altering their dogs. You get the picture. How can people who break AKC rules as exhibitors uphold those same rules when they are in the ring as judges? Besides the Regulations,

do you represent "The AKC Sportsmanship Code of Conduct"? "The Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges"? As a judge, I prefer to look for the best dog in the ring, not spend my time looking for all the rule breakers.

I recognize that we are all human and none of us are saints, but the integrity of the sport is at stake. If we all, exhibitors, handlers, breeders,

judges, turn a blind eye to the disapproved tricks of the trade, saying "Everybody does it," we undermine our own sport. Worse, we undermine our gene pools. Personally, becoming an AKC approved judge has made me evaluate my own short-comings and, I hope, change my own behavior for the better.

*Mary Alice Eschweiler*

## Just the FAQ's

*by Mary Dukes*

**Question:** I am provisional in 4 new breeds. Do I need 3 Field Rep observations in each new breed or just 3 observations total?

**Answer:** You will need a minimum of 3 Field Staff observations in total, not three in each of your new breeds in order to be granted regular status, as well as having judged your new breeds a minimum of five times. These observations can be in any combination of your provisional breeds, including all in one breed. You do not necessarily need to have your observations in different breeds or have observations in each new breed.

You should also be aware that three observations is the MINIMUM requirement. Just because you have met that minimum requirement does not absolve you from your responsibility to check in with Field Staff at each and every show until you are actually granted regular status in your provisional breeds by the AKC Judging Operations department.

The new approval process requires at least two additional positive evaluations in a breed following any evaluation of "Marginal" or "Does Not Meet" before regular status will be granted. Depending on the size of the entries, they may satisfy the requirement to judge additional provisional assignments when you request regular status.

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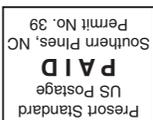
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