

# E - NEWS

FOR JUDGES' EDUCATION COORDINATORS

## AKC Online Education Platform

The American Kennel Club (AKC) is working on an exciting new online education program for Dog Show Judges, Breeders, Trainers, Stewards, and Dog Owners. The program will provide a lot of useful information on topics from whelping a litter to the application of behavioral science in dog training to the basics of grooming to the characteristics of each individual dog breed, and more!

Additionally, it will make the learning, certification, and approval process more efficient as this new education program can be used on any device with Internet access anytime and anywhere.

You may be familiar with AKC Canine College pilot program that existed a few years ago. This online education program will be offer even more!

The AKC online education platform's features will include:

- self-paced education opportunities,
- immediate feedback on online exams,
- an online application process,
- optional webinars facilitated by breed experts,
- secure payment, and
- an eportfolio.

The eportfolio is an online storage area that will allow every judge to upload, organize, and maintain their record of experiences. The contents of the eportfolio can be shared with the Judges Operations Department with the click of a button, no longer requiring faxing, traditional mailing, or emailing when sending records of experience when applying to judge.

Most importantly, judges will have the opportunity to educate themselves with rigorous, engaging breed-specific



No more breed exams!

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### Seminars and Hands-on Workshops

Breed exams are no longer required at seminars. The Judging Approval Process now requires all applicants to submit a breed exam on each breed they are applying for with their application. Therefore, presenters or hosts are no longer required to distribute breed exams at seminars. However, presenters must continue to forward the [attendance sheet, seminar report and hands-on worksheets](#) (if applicable) to the Judging Operations Department.

courses developed by Instructional Designers, informed by Parent Clubs, and aligned to breed standards. [Note: These self-paced courses are not meant to replace hands-on education, which is paramount to the success of every judge.]

It is also planned to develop online courses on *Canine Anatomy, Measuring and Weighing, Judging Junior Showmanship*, and the *Basic* in the future.

While the AKC online education platform will have a lot to offer judges, it will also be a place of learning for Breeders, Groomers, and CGC Trainers – just to name a few. Stay tuned for future updates!

### Ringside Observations & Apprentice Training

As always, Ringside Observations may be completed at National Specialties where formal ringside mentoring is offered. Prospective judges may also observe Ringside or In-Ring at any AKC conformation event where a major in at least one sex has been entered. To receive credit on a future application, it must meet the following criteria:

- Observer may observe with Parent Club approved mentor, an individual with a minimum of 12 years of experience exhibiting or 12 years as an approved judge in that breed. Observations with mentors not meeting this criterion will not be accepted.
- Individuals engaged in Parent Club mentoring may exhibit, but should not

The current approval process requires that seminars must meet AKC guidelines to receive educational credit on judging application. Part of the seminar report is a certificate that this has been done. Failure to provide will result in no credit for those who attended.

Upon receipt of the attendance sheet and hands-on workshop form, Judging Operations will update each judging record accordingly.

**WE NEED THE BEST!**  
**TERRIER AND NON-SPORTING - JUDGES EDUCATION COORDINATORS, PRESIDENTS AND PRESENTERS**

Plans for the AKC/DJAA Advanced Terrier and Non-Sporting Breeds Institute are underway. In the first week of April, JEC's, Presidents and Secretaries were notified by Kathy Caruana requesting a list of parent club approved

mentor for classes in which they are competing.

- Ringside Observations must be at a Parent Club National or any show where a major in one sex has been entered.
- Observer and Mentor must properly complete applicable form. Form must be submitted by applicant with their additional breed application.
- Judges may observe at shows where they are judging.
- Judges may mentor at shows where they are judging.

[Verification forms](#) including the ringside observation, apprentice training and mentor/tutor forms have been posted on the AKC website.

Judging Operations will consider on a case-for-case basis, observations completed for newer breeds with mentors who do not meet the 12 year criteria.

presenters. If you have not selected a presenter, we urge you do immediately or notify us with your concerns. At this Institute each breed will be covered; seminars are scheduled for 90 minutes and the hands-on workshops will be scheduled for 60 minutes. If you have not received the notice regarding the Institute please contact Kathy Caruana.

**Reminder to the Terrier and Non-Sporting breed presenters: Following are the items that are requested by AKC**

- copy of your handout
- copy of your power point presentation (should be on a flash drive)
- list of breed mentors
- list of individuals bringing dogs for your hands-on
- your Biography.

Please submit the requested items to Kathy ([kac1@akc.org](mailto:kac1@akc.org)) no later than **October 2016**.



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**PARENT CLUB REQUEST FOR NON-APPROVED INDIVIDUAL TO JUDGE  
A SPECIALTY SHOW**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK OR BLUE INK. Designated areas of applications should be completed before submitting to the Department for consideration. Reminder: even if the Department views request favorably, the approval is not final until individual requested has met all requirements as outlined in the Judging Approval Process. **Please keep copies for your records.** All forms available at: [www.akc.org/judges/conformation/index.cfm](http://www.akc.org/judges/conformation/index.cfm)

Specialty Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of specialty show for which the request is being made  Parent Club Specialty  Local Breed Club Specialty

Has an application been submitted for this event?  Yes  No Is the event an  independent or  designated specialty

**REQUESTED INDIVIDUAL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
W. N. C. Month

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Verify Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Over 21 years of age?  Yes  No

Home Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years owning/breeding/exhibiting this breed: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST BELOW ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL BREEDING/OWNING/EXHIBITING IN THIS BREED:**

Completed form may be printed and signed or signed electronically. Forms may be submitted by mail, email or fax to the Judging Operations Department.

FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT CLUB PRESIDENT  OR PARENT CLUB CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

The Current Judging Approval Process, effective September 1, 2015 affords the opportunity for a non-approved individual, including but not limited to professional handlers, to be approved to judge any specialty show. This applies to parent club and local breed club specialty shows.

However, all requests must be submitted from the applicable parent club. The parent club has the authority to establish its own guidelines in regard to this availability. Requests must be submitted to the AKC Judging Operations Department by the parent club President or Corresponding Secretary. Requests are reviewed by the department and only those individuals who meet the criteria will be considered.

**Following is the process for submission:**

1. Parent Club must submit the completed form to Judging Operation.
  - a. Individual must be 21 years of age or older.
  - b. Must be occupational eligible (exception for professional handlers)
  - c. Should be knowledgeable, with success in breeding/ exhibiting/handling in the breed for 15 years or more.
2. The Department will review request of the Specialty Club.
3. Specialty Club will be notified by the Judging Operations Department of its decision.
4. Individuals approved by the Department will be notified of the requirement to fulfill all remaining criteria before final event approval.
5. Take and pass Procedural & Anatomy exams.
6. Take a pass applicable scales and/or wicket exam to be conducted by an AKC Executive Field Representative.
7. Submit a non-refundable \$25 processing fee.
8. Upon completion of all requirements, Specialty Club and individual requested will be notified. Judges number will be assigned for the approved individual (if one had not been assigned previously). And the Events Department will be notified for approval upon submission of the event judging panel.

**SHARE WITH US**

Again, please continue to keep us updated with new members and mentors and submit these items [tojudgesed@akc.org](mailto:tojudgesed@akc.org). Remember, we are here to support you, so please feel free to call with questions or concerns.

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