



E-NEWS FOR JEC'S JULY 2009

PARENT CLUB APPROVED MENTORS

Again, we are asking if you haven't provided us with your list of your approved mentors, please do so. The list should contain name, city, state, phone and/or email; complete mailing address may be included if desired. Information may be sent to Katie Rudolph at kxr@akc.org

- ❖ **Observer may observe with parent club approved mentors or individuals with a minimum of 12 years experience breeding and exhibiting. Approved judges with regular status in the breed for 12 years may also mentor ringside. Observations with mentors not meeting the criteria will not be accepted.**

(Mentors will be permitted to participate on days they are exhibiting up to the class in which they have an entry. They will not be allowed to participate thereafter except at National or Regional Specialties where formal ringside mentoring is organized by the host club (This is as it has always been). Mentors will be asked to document their own experience on the Observation Form when they sign it.

INSTITUTE REQUIREMENT FOR NEW JUDGES

Effective January 1, 2009, all New Breed Applicants are to attend a Basic Judging Institute presented by the American Kennel Club prior to requesting regular status but not earlier than two year prior to submission of initial application.

INSTITUTES/SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS

If your club is putting on an Institute, Seminar, or Workshop, please inform your presenters, that Judging Operations is requesting that Certificates indicate the breed for which the educational event was held for. This will help the Judging Operations

department in verifying that the educational requirements have been met on each breed as indicated on that individual's application.

We suggest that sponsoring organizations submit the list of attendees to Judging Operations upon the completion of their seminar or workshop. This data is kept on each judges individual judging record. If you need a form to submit your attendees, please email Ines Maldonado at ixm@akc.org or you may download the form, found at www.akc.org/about/depts/judges_education.cfm

JUDGES EDUCATION COORDINATORS

It is up to you and your club to plan your event according to its individual needs, and we will provide you with various support material. We are able to provide flyers and certificates in modest numbers, maximum of 50. Remember to allow ample time for processing (at least two weeks) and to provide additional documents if needed.

In the September 2008 issue we published "template" for presenters. This "template" is provided as a guideline or as suggestions to help presenters with their seminars, and hands-on presentations. If you wish to receive a copy, please feel free to call Ines at (919)816-3670 or email ixm@akc.org.

PUBLISHING A SEMINAR

Your seminar will be accepted only if it is sponsored by an AKC Club, Judges Workshop Group or a Federation of Dog Club and presented by a Parent Club or by a parent club approved presenter. If your seminar is held by a parent club approved presenter, you will need to submit written confirmation from the Parent Club. Submit your seminars and written confirmation to Kathy Caruana at kac1@akc.org. Once the notice is received, it will be published in the next available Gazette



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and on the AKC Website. Be advised in order to publish your seminar in the Gazette it needs to be submitted at least two-three months in advance before it appears in the next available edition. (Note: Due to space and time restrictions, we only publish six months out.) The AKC Website announcement will be posted within 2-3 days. Again a form is available, please contact Kathy or the form may be found at: www.akc.org/about/depts/judges_education.cfm

Note: Ringside mentoring will not be published on its own; it needs to be published in conjunction with a Seminar or National Specialty.

SHARING YOUR GOOD IDEAS...

Jessica Watson JEC for the Mastiff Club of America: (see sample)

Jessica gives each judge a small handout the first day of ringside mentoring along with their welcome bag, name tag and show catalog. She prints them on hot pink paper making it hard to miss. The handout explains that the mentors will be rotating between classes.

She used it for the first time in 2008 at their Specialty. "We like for the judges to have the opportunity to learn from more than one mentor. The handout lets them know right up front exactly how the ringside mentoring will be conducted."

Another thing she found that is helpful in the mentoring area, is to label the chairs alternating as "Mentor"/"Judge", that way the judges don't clump together and there is a mentor between each judge.

One more helpful hint from Jessica...

For seminars, have all the information (judge's name and number) already printed on the sign-in sheet so that all the pre-

registered judges only need to sign by their name. "This makes check in at the door go a lot faster."



RING SIDE MENTORING SEATING ARRANGEMENTS DURING CLASS JUDGING & BEST OF BREED

There will be a brief break at the end of 12-18 month Dog and Bitch classes - we will be rotating you to a new mentor at this time. We will also break between Best of Breed Dogs and Bitches.

Please take this break time to use the facilities and share in refreshments we will be offering.

We hope this will be a memorable Mastiff Specialty that you gain much experience from very knowledgeable mentors in the time we have allotted.

We appreciate your cooperation as we try to arm you with all the resources you need to further enhance your knowledge of the Mastiff breed.

SHARE WITH US

We welcome your thoughts or other articles for the publication in this E-News or the Standard. If you wish to share your ideas with us, please send to Ines Maldonado at ixm@akc.org or you may fax to 919-816-4225.

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