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JEC CONTACT INFORMATION

When was the last time you provided your contact information to AKC? If you recently became the new Judges Education Coordinator for your club, please contact Kathy Caruana at kac1@akc.org, so that we may mail you the current Judges Education Coordinator's packet. The packet provides some basic guidelines and suggestions. Any changes in your contact information should also be submitted to Kathy. Please remember there are times when we need to inform you of important information concerning your breed, therefore keeping us updated on your contact information is very important.

HELPFUL WEBSITE PAGES

Everyone should become familiar with the AKC Website, especially the following pages: Judges Education Department, www.akc.org/about/depts/judges_education.cfm it contains information on seminars, workshop, how to place your seminar on the AKC website, etc. In addition, if you are currently on this page and click on the tab by Judges Education you will find several pages pertaining to judges' education such as information on Judges Breed Study Groups, Judges Workshops Study Groups, a list of Judges Education Coordinators and the Judges Newsletter. Finally, Judges Study Guides, www.akc.org/judges/guides/ this page includes all breeds with their history,

breed standard, the Parent Club, mentor list and breed exam. Breed exams should be taken and submitted if and when an application has been submitted to Judging Operations and upon the receipt of the Staff Approval letter.

At this time I would like to remind everyone to take a look at your mentor list. If one has not been provided we would like to prompt you to create a list of parent club approved mentors.

This list is created by the Parent Club using whatever qualifications your club deems appropriate. Please remember that individuals may also use a mentor who meets the following qualifications as set forth by the Judging Operations Department:

“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.”

If you find that your breed's mentor list is not correct, please email any changes to Katie Rudolph at kxr@akc.org or fax to 919-816-4225. Please send the following information: Name, City, State, Phone and Email. This information helps judges to find mentors in their area. If you have any questions about mentoring please email or call and we will be happy to assist you.

SEMINAR AND HANDS-ON WORKSHOP CRITERION

As of January 2012, please be advised Hands-On Workshops held in conjunction with seminars, the following form will need to be completed by each attendee and returned to the presenter in order to get credit for attendance.

Hands-On Workshop Breed Evaluation Form
*Must be completed in full and returned to presenter.
 Subject to be reviewed by Judging Operations Department for credit*

Breed _____
 Presenter _____ Applicant _____
Please Print - Breed Specific Terminology is required

Dog	Ranking	Reasons and Observations
A		
B		
C		
D		
E		
F		

Presenter Must Sign _____
*Presenter: please return to Judging Operations Department with Seminar & Hands-on Workshop report
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In Summary, the following forms must be submitted to Judging Operations by the presenter: Seminar and Hands-on Workshop Report, Hands-On Workshop Breed Evaluation and Seminar Attendance list.

CRITERIA FOR COMPARISON SEMINARS

1. Comparison seminars will be accepted for credit as breed education for those breeds previously approved by the American Kennel Club.

2. Comparison Seminars must include a 90-minute comparison presentation on all breeds.
3. 90-minute presentation must be followed by at least a 90-minute minimum hands-on workshop.
4. Work shop must meet the following criteria:
 - a. There is a 90-minute or longer period that includes instructions on how to properly effect a breed specific examination.
 - b. There is the occasion to rank exhibits presented and explain placements to mentors.
 - c. Mentor/Participant ratio should not exceed 1:10.
 - d. A minimum of four dogs/bitches per breed and/or variety must be present. All must be at least six months of age. No dog/bitch may be examined by more than 20 individuals per day.
 - e. Attendance must be certified and reported to Judging Operations by the presenter. (Following forms must be submitted to Judging Operations: Seminar and Hands-On Workshop Report, Hands-On Workshop Breed Evaluation and Seminar Attendance list).
5. Institutes, seminars and workshops must be accessible to American Kennel Club Staff including the Executive Field Staff. Judging Operations Staff will be available as a resource, to promote a positive rapport in the judging community and make periodic presentations as Judging Operations considers appropriate and feasible.
6. Sponsoring organization must submit a summary and report of each Seminar and Workshop presented along with

certification of attendance. Report must document having met each condition outlined above.

7. Additional credit for “Mentoring” will not be given for experience at the institute. “Mentoring” credit will be considered for relationships established at institutes/seminars/workshops and documented as on-going.

CREATIVE SERVICES

As of September 2011 the following charges will apply to all creative requests from Parent Clubs, Organizations or any other party requesting the following items:

- 1- Certificates of Attendance - \$25 for the first 50
- 2- Flyers/Announcements - \$25 for the first 50
- 3- Address labels - \$25 for the first 5 pages, (Avery 5160 labels) then \$2 each additional page
- 4- List of Judges - \$25 per list

2012 JUDGES DIRECTORY

In the past a complimentary copy of the Judges Directory was mailed to all member club secretaries or Presidents. Unfortunately, as with everything else, we are no longer able to comply and continue this service. The 2012 Judges Directory will be available mid-December for purchase for a fee of \$30. You may call the order desk at (919) 233-9767 or visit the on-line store at www.akc.org.

A VITAL COMPONENT - EDUCATION

As many may be aware, at the October Meeting of the Board of Directors, the Smith Committee Proposal on the Judging Application Process was passed with some modifications. The earliest possible date for its implementation is March 1, 2012. With the new policy will come changes in the Additional Breed Application. The checking of boxes and counting of components will be replaced by a summary of an applicant’s overall education and qualifications to judge a breed. Education and enriching experiences will continue to be a vital component in one’s preparation for a breed.

Seminars and workshops must meet the criteria established by the AKC to be considered in the review on an application. Those Institutes that previously met the requirements to receive a two (2) component credit on the current AB application, will be considered an experience of greater value than those previously receiving a one (1) component credit in the evaluation of an application by the Judges Review Committee.

Again, here is the link with current criteria and information:
www.akc.org/about/depts/judges_education.cfm

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR

- 1- Do not read the breed standard, judges in attendance should have at least already read the breed standard to prepare themselves and hopefully will have done additional work such as having observed a large entry in the breed, been tutored and perhaps have a mentor.
- 2- Speak directly to the attendees in a loud clear voice, always facing those in attendance.
- 3- Utilize teaching aids, power points are great, illustrated standards very useful and anything else that get the breed's essence across to attendees.
- 4- Stress positive comments about the breed avoiding negative factors.

- 5- Remember dogs name and/or show record and ownership are of no importance when conducting the seminar.
- 6- The presenter is in charge of the seminar, don't lose control.

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 fax to 919-816-4225. The next publication will be released in the Spring of 2012. Remember we are here to support you, please feel free to call with questions or concerns.

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