
HIGHLIGHTS

DOG EVENTS DEPARTMENT NEWS AND UPDATES

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Season's Greetings to all of our UKC Judges! We hope you all enjoyed holiday festivities with an abundance of cheer! To begin, we will mostly be referring to conformation events, but the information is useful to all of our judges and it is important to be well informed and able to answer questions from exhibitors should the need arise.

First off, we would like to remind everyone that there have been a few changes to the Groups in which breeds are assigned for some breeds. In June of 2013 the Kromfohrlander moved from the Terrier Group to the Companion Group; and in July of 2013 the Spanish Water Dog moved from the Gun Dog Group to the Herding Group. Please make note of this or refer to the updated inserts in the Official UKC Conformation Rulebook.

New breeds. Beginning January 1, 2015, the Miniature American Shepherd will be added to the list of UKC recognized breeds and is assigned to the Herding Group.

To review, the Japanese Akita was recognized January of 2013 and added to the Northern Group, the American Bully in the Companion Group was recognized in July of 2013, and the Old English Bulldogge in the Guardian Group was recognized in January of 2014. Their standards are up on the UKC website. Please familiarize yourself with their standards and appearances.

Judges Books. Now is always a good time to remind everyone about making concerted efforts to ensure the accuracy of your judge's book. It cannot be stressed enough how important it is to mark your books clearly and verify the armband numbers of the exhibitors in your ring. This is the official record of the event, and it is what is used to determine how awards are recorded on the dogs' records.

When your book is missing information, it makes it extremely difficult for our UKC staff to record everything correctly. You must mark everything on your book including remembering to mark Best of Variety and Reserves. This ensures the accuracy of the information being entered for that event.

Cell Phones. The use of cell/mobile phones is not specifically addressed in the Judge's Handbook at this time; however, their use is not permitted in the ring while performing your assignment. This statement should be regarded as UKC's official position on the matter.

Judges are not permitted to text, access social media or personal banking sites from their cell phones while they are in the ring judging. Judges are also not permitted to make or receive phone calls while in the ring except in the case of a true emergency situation.

The use of tablets or other personal electronic devices is also prohibited while you are in the

ring unless you are using it to access the UKC breed standards or UKC's rules and regulations. Any other use of these devices is not permitted while in the ring judging, and judges who do not adhere to this policy may be faced with disciplinary action from the UKC.

Please treat the exhibitors who have entered under you, and the clubs that have hired you, with the respect they deserve and provide them with your undivided attention.

Apprenticeships (Performance and Conformation). The UKC apprenticeship program is designed to evaluate a potential judge's progress when moving through the judging approval process and to promote mentorship to the new judges coming in to the sport. Apprenticing gives an applicant invaluable experience and guidance under an experienced senior judge that they may not have an opportunity to obtain otherwise. UKC strongly supports the apprenticeship program and believes that it is integral to the approval process for our judges.

If you are an active exhibitor (which UKC encourages our judges to be), and you are interested in obtaining a judge's license, it should be understood that you will be sacrificing some of the time you would normally spend competing in order to fulfill your apprenticeship requirements. Apprentices are not allowed to compete while they

are serving as an apprentice, and all of the rules for fully approved judges also apply to apprentices. If you are more interested in competing than fulfilling your apprenticeship assignments, perhaps it is not the right time for you to become a judge.

When applying to become a judge, one must keep in mind that experience in other venues and other registries does not necessarily mean that the UKC equivalent has the same rules, scoring system, procedures or, most importantly, the same philosophy of judging.

The UKC apprenticeship program allows judges active in other venues to become familiar with all of our UKC rules and values as an organization. Applicants who show involvement in UKC events when applying to be a UKC judge are looked upon more favorably

than individuals who rely on all of their experience in another venue to get approved.

When applying to become a judge, especially a performance judge, it is important to complete these apprenticeships. These requirements are not considered lightly, and applicants should make every effort to fulfill the apprenticeships needed to become a provisional judge. Asking to waive these in lieu of your experience judging another venue sends the impression to the approval committee that you do not value your experience with UKC as a necessary requirement to judge UKC events.

Those seeking to become UKC judges should be able to demonstrate activity within our organization and enthusiasm for our events. These two items on your resume to UKC will definitely

help you move through the approval process in a timely manner. Doing so will instill a greater sense of confidence that we are indeed approving quality judges who value UKC as an organization and who will represent UKC to the best of their ability.

Re-judging a class (Conformation and Performance). UKC understands that judges cannot be responsible for making sure exhibitors get to your ring in time for judging, but we do expect you to make reasonable accommodations for exhibitors who have conflicts or if you know that you have dogs on your books who are not ringside at the time of judging. However, you are not required to wait for exhibitors who are not present. We also understand that sometimes your books are not correct and that the host club can sometimes make a mistake when

BREED STANDARD REVISION UPDATES

The following breed standards have been revised effective December 1, 2014.

German Shepherd Dog

Docked tail no longer a disqualification

Replaced with the statement: "Dogs with docked or altered tails resulting from working injuries are not to be penalized."

Havanese

The following disqualification was removed: "Scissored coats (trimmed, neatened or molded), except at the edge of the feet or around hygiene areas."

Labrador Retriever

Docked tail no longer a disqualification

Replaced with the statement: "Dogs with docked or altered tails resulting from working injuries are not to be penalized."

White Shepherd

Docked tail no longer a disqualification

Replaced with the statement: "Dogs with docked or altered tails resulting from working injuries are not to be penalized."

The following breed has been recognized effective January 1, 2015.

Miniature American Shepherd

2014 FOURTH QUARTER UKC JUDGES NEWSLETTER

WELCOME! TO OUR NEWLY-APPROVED AND NEWLY-APPLIED UKC JUDGES. **FROM SEPTEMBER 16 TO DECEMBER 15, 2014**

UKC feels that it is important for all judges to be aware of who has applied to become a UKC judge. Publishing the applicants provides a venue for approved judges to be aware of who is coming into the sport and can foster mentorship opportunities for prospective judges. Approved judges who have met all judging requirements will be published in this section as well. For complete contact information, please go to: <http://www.ukcdogs.com/Web.nsf/WebPages/DogEvents/Judges>.

New Judge Applicants

- Tiziano Milani, Verona, Italy, CN, JS
- Cynthia Sanders, Tracy CA, CN, JS
- Carol S Brown, Kernersville NC, CN, JS
- Anne Kieffer, Scottsville KY, CN, JS
- Denise Lumpkin, Des Moines IA, RO
- Linda Ann Barber, Shallotte NC, RO
- Quincie Wend, Kalkaska MI, AG

Newly Licensed Judges

- #7037, Kristie A Pope, Stokesdale NC, LC
- #7146, Georgene D Knight, Zion IL, AG
- #7147, Stephanie Abel, Dover OH, CN
- #7148, Barbara Burns, Freeport IL, CN
- #7149, Anthony Flynn, Randolph MA, WP
- #7150, Christin Keinanen, Sandsberg Finland, DR
- #7151, Deborah Kiper, Chesterfield MO, CN JS
- #7153, Brian Anderson, Whitby Ontario CN, DJ

Judges approved for Additional Licenses

- Stephanie Abel, JS

New Judge Apprentices

- Lila Fast, American Eskimo

Judges Status Change

(ie: from AP to PV or PV to SN)

- Jennifer Landers, Senior AE Judge
- Brenda Landers, Senior AE Judge
- James Holt, Provisional APBT Judge
- Elizabeth Burgess, Provisional APBT Judge
- Camille Gagnon, Provisional APBT Judge
- Connie Mathewson, Provisional APBT Judge
- Kari Jepson, Provisional AE Judge
- Debbie Melgreen, Provisional AE Judge
- Glenda Bruneau, Senior AE Judge
- Heidi Halverson, Senior APBT Judge
- Kathy Kellogg, Senior AE & Senior APBT Judge
- Linda Hughes, Senior AE & Senior APBT Judge
- Lori Sargent, Senior AE Judge
- Janet Williams, Senior AE Judge
- Katie Stoyles, Regular Lure Coursing Judge
- Beryl Billingsley, Regular Agility Judge

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filling out your judge's books.

That said, once you have judged a class and placed all of the dogs in that class, judging is over. If an exhibitor comes to your ring wishing to compete after you have placed all of the dogs who were present, and especially after you have handed out awards, that exhibitor must be marked absent. It is acceptable to allow a late exhibitor to enter the ring if you have not yet placed your class, but this is up to you.

If an exhibitor comes to you and tells you that they should have been in that class and their

dog is not on your books, that is a club error and the exhibitor should be referred back to the club. Permitting a late exhibitor to enter the ring or allowing and exhibitor to be added to your judge's book should only be allowed if placements and awards have not yet been given.

If placements have already been determined, and the host club inadvertently left off an entry on a judge's book, then ideally in that situation the club will offer the exhibitor a refund for their error.

Never, under any circumstances, are you to bring the dogs back in and re-judge the class and adjust placements.

If you would like your comments published in the Judges Newsletter, or if you would like to submit an article from a Judge's Point of View, please send an email to judges@ukcdogs.com with "Newsletter Comments" or "Judges Point of View" in the subject line. Please let us know in the body of the email if you would like them published in the next newsletter. (Please note that submitting comments or articles does not guarantee publication.)

Happy New Year!