

The American Bloodhound Club Judge's Education Program

Purpose

The purpose of the American Bloodhound Club (ABC) Judge's Education program is to educate and support individuals pursuing an AKC license to judge Bloodhounds. This is a collaborative effort with the American Kennel Club, and all ABC events must follow AKC guidelines.

The ABC offers a variety of Judge's Education experiences, including:

- Breed seminars
- Hands-on examination
- Ringside mentoring
- Illustrated Standards

Individuals who are presenters/mentors are approved based on their experience and expertise in our breed. (Click here for presenter/mentor [guidelines](#) and [application](#) and a list of [approved presenter/mentors](#).)

The ABC supports only those educational events conducted by approved presenters/mentors. Seminars or mentoring done by anyone other than an approved ABC mentor may not be sanctioned by the ABC.

Inquiries regarding all aspects of ABC Judges' Education should be sent to Anne Schettig clddy@aol.com or 814-886-2371

Upcoming American Bloodhound Club Judges' Education Events

These events are available to individuals pursuing an AKC license to judge Bloodhounds.

October 1-3, 2008, ABC National Specialty, Long Beach, California

- Breed seminar
- Hands-on examination
- Ringside mentoring

Contact person: Susan LaCroix Hamil at cah20372@aol.com

American Bloodhound Club Presenter/ Mentor Guidelines

Criteria for becoming an ABC Presenter/Mentor:

A.) Anyone wishing to become a presenter/mentor should submit an **application** to the ABC. Applications are reviewed by the Judge's Education Coordinators and referred to the ABC Board for approval.

B.) General requirements for becoming a Presenter/Mentor:

- 1) Be an ABC member in good standing
- 2) Have good communication skills
- 3) Have a pleasing, tidy, clean appearance
- 4) Have all dogs used in seminars in clean condition

C) Specific requirements for becoming a Presenter/Mentor

- 1) Have at least 10 years, preferably 15 years, of active Bloodhound exhibiting experience
- 2) Have at least 10 years, preferably 15 years, of active Bloodhound breeding experience
 - a) Only litters that are bred, whelped, raised, and evaluated by the applicant are included. Litters that are co-owned, but not whelped, raised, and evaluated by the applicant may not be included.
- 3) Have whelped at least 8 Bloodhound litters
 - a) Only litters that are bred, whelped, raised, and evaluated by the applicant are included. Litters that are co-owned, but not whelped, raised and evaluated by the applicant may not be included.
- 4) Have bred at least 10 Bloodhound champions
 - a) Only litters that are bred, whelped, raised, and evaluated by the applicant are included. Litters that are co-owned, but not whelped, raised and evaluated by the applicant may not be included.
- 5) Applicants who meet all the above guidelines should attend at least one seminar, preferably at a National Specialty, before submitting the application.

Responsibilities of an ABC Presenter/Mentor:

RINGSIDE TUTORING:

A) The purpose of the ringside tutoring session is to provide the student judge an opportunity to observe a larger number of dogs in a short amount of time. This also allows them to realize the diversity of type within the breed which is acceptable under the AKC/ABC Bloodhound Standard.

B) It is vitally important that presenter/mentors who give a seminar and who assist with ringside tutoring sessions present the breed in a positive manner. This is quite a responsibility and not an easy task, as you might have to contradict what you have in your backyard.

C) It is vitally important that presenter/mentors who give a seminar and who assist with ringside tutoring sessions avoid any hint of bias toward or against any line or type.

D) The result of the seminar/tutoring should be that the student judges leave the session with a clearer impression of the breed and a great appreciation of this remarkably versatile dog.

PRESENTERS AND STUDY GROUPS:

A) Work out details with a Study Group or Show Committee

- 1) Date and Time
- 2) Meeting room
- 3) Equipment (projection equipment or any audiovisual equipment)
- 4) Dogs to examine

NATIONAL SPECIALTY:

A) Work out details with the Show Committee

- 1) Date and Time
- 2) Meeting room
- 3) Equipment (projection equipment or any audiovisual equipment)
- 4) Dogs to examine
- 5) Refreshments
- 6) Private area for hands-on tutoring
- 7) Ringside seating for tutoring

B) Advertising

- 1) AKC Gazette and AKC web site listings (contact AKC)
- 2) Send flyers to Judge's Education Groups
- 3) Send flyers to judges and study groups in surrounding states
- 4) Post all information on the Judges' Education page of the ABC website

C) Materials

- 1) Provide all participants with an Illustrated Standard (available from Judges' Education Coordinator, Anne Schettig- c1ddy@aol.com or 814-886-2371)
- 2) Provide a Schedule of Events to include all judging times
- 3) Respond to all judge's inquiries and provide information about the seminar (date, time, directions, lodging and meal information, etc)

SEMINAR:

A) Discussion of Standard and /or outline

- 1) Have two or more breeders or breeder/judges for discussion. Hopefully, these people will be available for tutoring.
- 2) Try to hold the seminar in close proximity to the breed judging for discussion at ringside

B) Hands-on

- 1) Demonstration of the proper examination technique and gaiting
- 2) Have 4-10 dogs for examination. These dogs should exhibit the variety of types and characteristics seen in the show ring. If possible, choose Specials quality hounds.
- 3) Positive points emphasized, however people that provide dogs must understand that faults may also be identified
- 4) Student judges are encouraged to verbalize their assessments of the individual dogs using breed specific language

C) Ringside Tutoring

- 1) Mark off area
- 2) Provide seating arrangements with the best view of dogs
- 3) Tutoring during Best of Breed competition is preferred
- 4) One mentor for every 2-3 judges (maximum).
- 5) All individuals participating in any aspects of conducting a seminar must be approved in advanced by the person supervising the seminar.

D) Paperwork

- 1) Name tags for student judges and mentors
- 2) Certificate of Completion for all student judges
- 3) Keep records of student judges attending seminar, including name and all contact information. Also note which portions of the training each student completed (seminar, hands-on, ringside mentoring, etc). This information may be requested by AKC.
- 4) Accurately complete, sign, and date all AKC forms presented to you by the student.

American Bloodhound Club Approved Presenter/Mentors

This list is provided for informational purposes only.
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c1ddy@aol.com or 814-886-2371*

Lynne Aguirre	California
Beckie Cozart	North Carolina
Eva Dunkel	Illinois
Jim Edwards	North Carolina
Susan Hamil	California
Lisa and Joe Ivey	Oklahoma
Ed Kilby	Florida
Anne Legge	Virginia
Karen Leshkivich	New York
Stacy Mattson	California
Camille McArdle	Minnesota
Michelle McKinney	Alabama
Suzi Paine	Washington
Judy Robb	California
Anne Schettig	Pennsylvania
Jerry Watson	Mississippi
Heather Whitcomb	Quebec, Canada
Claudia Williams	North Carolina
Elaine Woodson	Texas

American Bloodhound Club Mentor Application

I. General Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

First year of actively showing Bloodhounds _____

II. Breeding Information

Only litters that are bred, whelped, raised, and evaluated by the applicant may be included in section II. Litters that are co-owned, but not whelped, raised, and evaluated by the applicant may not be included.

First year of actively breeding Bloodhounds: _____

Total number of litters whelped: _____

Please list the sire and dam and the date whelped for your last 8 litters:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

III. Champions Produced

Only litters that are bred, whelped, raised, and evaluated by the applicant may be included in section III. Litters that are co-owned, but not whelped, raised, and evaluated by the applicant may not be included.

Total number of champions bred: _____

List the names of the last 10 champions you have bred.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

IV. Applicants should attend at least one seminar, preferably at a National Specialty, before submitting this application. List the location and date of the seminar you attended and the name of the primary presenter.

V. Please check all that apply:

_____ I am available to conduct ABC Judge’s Education seminars.

_____ I am available for ringside mentoring.

_____ I am available to assist with hands-on tutoring.

_____ I am a breeder judge.

My signature below confirms that the information on this application is correct. I agree to abide by the following statement:

I want to be considered as a Presenter/Mentor for the Judge’s Education Program. I have reviewed all the Guidelines, and I meet the requirements. I am willing to abide by these Guidelines, and I agree to present the Bloodhound in a positive manner in accordance with the AKC/ABC Standard for the Bloodhound. I will avoid any hint of bias toward a specific type or line.

_____ signature _____ date

Return this application to Anne Schettig, 276 Fairway Ln., Cresson, PA 16630