

AUSTRALIAN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA INC. JUDGES EDUCATION MENTOR APPLICATION/ APPROVAL PROCESS

Mentoring is done for aspiring judges as well as AKC judges who are seeking to add Australian Terriers to the list of those breeds they can judge. An approved mentor must have a thorough knowledge of the standard, canine structure and the correct breed specific terminology. Mentors also do ringside observation with the same and this again requires the ability to verbalize.

Mentors must be ready to discuss various aspects of the breed in detail including points in the standard, judging, methods of examination and what is being seen in the breed today and further have the ability to discuss the standard and how it translates itself in the ring.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

STEP 1: Please check and certify that you have met all of the mandatory (1-5) application requirements prior to applying:

1. Have bred Australian Terriers for at least 12 years
2. Have been an ATCA member for at least 12 years
3. Have finished at least 5 homebred champions from 2 separate litters
4. Have attended ATCA Nationals and attended the Education Day presentations at those Nationals

Date(s): _____

Location(s): _____

5. Have attended at least one ATCA Judges Seminar

Date(s): _____

Location(s): _____

Please add any other experiences that may be pertinent to mentoring e.g. judging Sweeps, attendance at a Mentor's corner, ringside observation with an approved mentor.

Applications MUST be received FOUR months prior to the National at which training will begin.

STEP 2: Approval of application will be made by email within one month of receiving application

STEP 3: Training requirements to become an approved ATCA mentor

1. Attendance at two consecutive National Specialty Mentors' Training for Aspiring Mentors. Modules will include the Standard, canine structure and the correct breed specific terminology
2. Successful completion of a written test which will assess the applicant's knowledge of canine structure and the ability to use breed specific terminology from the breed standard.
3. An oral test of a practice ringside mentoring which will be set up with dogs volunteered at a National. This test will assess the applicant's ability to prioritize characteristics as they are referenced in the standard.
4. For Presenters only - a presentation on an aspect of the Standard/Judges Education program to members at an ATCA National ** in addition to the above.

*The Mentors' Corner study group will be held on a day prior the ATCA National chaired by a JEC member.

** Arrangements must be made with the Co-Chairs of the ATCA JEC at least four months prior to the National at which the presentation will be made.

Step 4: JEC recommendation

The applicant will receive a status report from the JEC within one month of the completion of the process. If the applicant has successfully completed the process, his/her name will be sent to the ATCA Board for approval.

An applicant who does not meet the minimum score needed to pass a module(s) may continue with the training outlined in Step 3.

I have met the above requirements for application and further agree to the following guidelines:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return to ATCA Co-chairs:

Jane Tenor, 2425 Copper Lane, Green Bay WI 54311, jtenor@sbcglobal.net and

Kerrie Bryan, 3044 McIntosh Dr. Longmont, CO 80503, aussee@comcast.net

Note: This application is based on the AKC Guidelines for Mentoring.

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