



The Pekingese Club of America Judges' Mentors Guidelines

All PCA Judges' Mentors must have been approved by the PCA Board of Directors after having met the following requirements:

1. Be a member in good standing of The Pekingese Club of America.
2. Have documented twenty years in the Breed and/or recognized knowledge and experience in the breed.
3. Must have knowledge of background, history, and idiosyncrasies of the breed.
4. Mentors/seminar presenters must have attended at least four (4) PCA National Specialty Shows.
5. Either be an approved AKC breeder-judge or a breeder having bred five litters resulting in five champions as a sole breeder, not co-breeder, unless the co-breeder resides at the same premises. All litters must have been whelped and raised on the applicant's premises.
6. Having attended a minimum of two parent club approved Pekingese seminars, one of which must be one presented at the National Specialty.
7. The potential mentor/seminar presenter must assist an approved presenter in delivering a breed seminar at a National Specialty or an approved AKC seminar.
8. Have read PCA's Study Guide on the Pekingese.
9. PCA approved mentors must agree in writing to use the PCA Board approved education materials including the PCA Study Guide.
10. Submit a Mentor Qualification Application form to PCA's Board of Directors for review.

(United States residency is not a necessary requirement to be a PCA Judges' Mentor.)

Additional criteria considered by the PCA Board for becoming a Judges' Mentor include:

For purposes of educating prospective Pekingese judges, candidates should possess an in-depth understanding of the breed standard as demonstrated by all or some of the following:

1. Has shown skills as an approved, provisional or sweepstakes judge at specialties.
2. Has consistently bred and shown dogs of excellent quality.
3. Has become an ROM breeder.

4. Has owned or produced ROM dogs.
5. Has demonstrated an ability to recognize type while informally observing dogs.
6. Is willing to demonstrate ability to critique a Pekingese in front of a group.
7. PCA Judges' Mentors must have excellent communication skills with the ability to provide discussion based strictly on the standard in a clear, understandable and insightful manner.
8. Willingness to travel to make presentations at judges' study groups.
9. Promotion of dogs that members are showing or campaigning is forbidden.
10. Promotion of individual living dogs or the mentor's own breeding is strictly forbidden, plus show records should not be discussed.
11. Must have the time available and willingness to attend shows to assist prospective judges with understanding the Pekingese standard through ringside tutoring and/or hands on evaluation (after exhibiting at a show) and answering questions.
12. Transportation expenses to and from seminars are the responsibility of the presenter/mentor.

All mentors will be listed on the PCA website with their email addresses to make it convenient for prospective judges to contact them.

All PCA members who wish to become a Judges' Mentors, and believe that they have met the aforementioned criteria, should make application to the PCA Board of Directors, documenting their qualifications. A two-thirds approval of the present voting Board at a meeting will be necessary to be put on the Judges' Mentor list.

The AKC States:

"Qualified mentors will be allowed to participate in Ringside Observation on days they have entries in the breed they are teaching until the class at which they have an entry assembles. From that time on they are to refrain from further interaction."