

## **MENTOR POLICY AND GUIDELINES**

**PURPOSE:** This policy establishes the guidelines for selecting Mentors.

**GENERAL:**

The BHCA Judges Education Committee coordinates the club's mentoring program and is responsible for approving mentors. BHCA mentors are willing to assist BHCA in its judges' education efforts at their own expense. Mentors will make themselves available to assist aspiring AKC judges of our breed in understanding more fully all facets of Basset Hound conformation, according to the AKC standard, at various AKC all-breed, regional and national shows. BHCA Mentors will mentor ringside, one-on-one or to a manageable group.-They may assist at hands-on workshops at judges' institutes sponsored by AKC, judges' organizations or BHCA Regional and Nationals workshops.

Mentors should

1. be a member in good standing of the BHCA for at least 12 years
2. be able and willing to travel and attend functions for the purpose of mentoring without financial reimbursement as a service to the club and the breed
3. be willing to follow guidelines set up by the JEC and approved by the BHCA Board
4. be familiar with the BHCA approved Judges' Education Seminar On The Basset Hound PowerPoint Presentation (CD).
5. have a working knowledge of the standard, anatomy, form and function of the Basset Hound
6. have the ability to evaluate Basset Hounds using positive terminology without bias
7. have confidence and poise to be able to mentor an individual or small group of individuals or stand in front of a group of judges in a positive manner and without intimidation or prejudice
8. be a recognized breeder having bred (not just owned or shown) at least eight (8) Basset Hound AKC champions
9. have regularly attended Nationals, Regional and local Basset Hound specialties
10. be familiar with judging resource documents available on BHCA website. Additional resources will be maintained by the JEC chair and distributed as requested.

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