

Judges Education Coordinator - May 2012 Report

I've posted information on AKC's National Specialty roster, and the Judges-List about the Judges Study Group at the 2012 National Specialty to be held on Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26. I will give the Powerpoint presentation and have asked Prudence Hlatky to conduct the other activities.

At present, there are three judges who have indicated that they will attend.

The judges' application process changed in March, which has added a bit more paperwork for seminars and Specialties, both for judges and clubs. The breed standard test that was once taken just before approval, open book, is now required to be administered at the end of a seminar/workshop.

With the declining point scale across the country, what used to be called a major entry is now hardly a significant entry for student judges to gain an understanding of our breed. The AKC's emphasis on ringside mentoring has been rightly moved to national and regional specialties, rather than simply major entries.

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