

**Tibetan Spaniel Club of Scotland  
News Letter 2021**

2021 Committee

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*CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR YEAR 2020*

***Well, 2020 is a year none of us could see coming, and not one that I really have much to report on due to all the Lockdowns and restrictions.***

***We were one of the lucky ones to have our AGM last year and that was indeed the only event we held, with both shows and our fun day all being cancelled. – Such a shame as we have lost both these judges too as we had no way of being able to carry our Championship show over to this year, which as things look probably would not have happened had it been possible.***

***March saw us have 2 Championship shows, with a Scottish Bitch being made up the breeds only Champion for 2020 – Balgay Ma Linette at Starlance, with her junior sister taking the RBCC that day at the South Western Championship show, next up we saw one of our Junior Members have a day to remember bringing the Crufts BCC home to Scotland yet again(5 years on the trot) with SUSU PRINCESS SPICE PARTI their first CC. Best Puppy was also from Scotland – Torfness Fire and Blood with Penny Smith at the helm.***

***Then that was it.....Stop....Cancel...Cancel....Cancel.- with still currently no plan on the horizon of shows restarting. But I would like to congratulate everybody who has taken the time to enter all these online Virtual and Photo shows that have been happening and keeping Tibetan Spaniels out there, we are running one this year so watch this space as they say and please enter to help our chosen charities.***

***We have updated and Launched our own website in 2020 and thanks must go to the team for this, Carlton, Jillian and Michaella with Jane suppling a lot of info – if you haven't looked please pop over and if you have any photos you would like to share please send them on.***

***I must pass on my sincere thanks to the committee, for moving with the times and taking to Zoom meetings, this has meant we can all still participate and wear our PJ's if we want. Thanks also go to Jane and Nan, as this last year has not been simple, with all the cancellations and changing of things...more work than ever tbh. So thank you ladies, can't give you flowers today as its Sunday...but watch the doorbell over the next week.***

***Finally, thanks to you the members, at times like this its hard, as costs are still there to keep a club running, and sometimes membership deteriorates as nothing back for you, but you guys have been great and stood by us which is fantastic to know.***

***Hopefully 2021, we may have something normal near the end of the year, but just now we have in the diary, Photo Show in April, SKC and Champ Show May, Open Show in September potentially with Eye testing, we will also aim to do an online event – Living with a Tibetan Spaniel.***

***Thank you all again.  
Aileen McDonald  
Chairman***



Not many shows took place in 2020 but in the three that did Penny Smith and her puppy Torfness Fire and Blood did really well

Manchester:

Judge Jane Lilley

T Fire and Blood won the res bitch CC and BPIB

South Western:

Judge Jackie Kitchener

T Fire and Blood won BPIB

Crufts:

Judge Linda Morton

T Fire and Blood again won the res bitch CC and BPIB.

A delighted Lily O'Brien won the BCC with Susu Princess Spice Parti

As there was not much show news last year I thought I would reflect on the past on the past Scottish Crufts winners

Crufts winners from 2000

2000 - Judge Jane Lilley

BCC Friarland Pandora, BP Anasmas Macho Man

2001 - Judge Lady Dalrymple-Hay

BCC Anavrin Tartan Special

2002 - Judge Pat Atkins

Res BCC Anavrin Flower of Scotland, BP Anavrin Highland Fling at Auldearn

2003 - Judge Andrew Brace

DCC, BOB & Group 4, Nauruan Morning Sen-Sa-Shon

2004- Judge Kerry Williamson

BCC Chico Dee-Ta at Rosanley

2005 - Judge Vi Armstrong

BCC Chico Dee-Ta at Rosanley, Res BCC Ch Anavrin Caledonia Dream, BP Rosanley Four Thymes a Lady

2006 - Judge Claire Coxall

BCC Ch Chico Dee-Ta at Rosanley, Res DCC Ch Anavrin Highland Fling at Auldearn, BP Rosanley Thyme Tuaim High

2007 - Judge Yvonne Rawley

Res BCC Tamrae Chanterelle, Res DCC &BP Queshian Thor to Anasmas

2008 - Judge Heather Simper

Res BCC Ch Tamrae Chanterelle

2009 - Judge Terry Nethercott

Res BCC & BP Nauruan Rambling Rose

2012 - Judge Ian Blackshaw  
DCC Ch Tamrae's Talk the Talk at Tibbymills, Res BCC & BP Tamrae's Just Magic

2013 - Judge Bob Gregory  
BP Anasmas Steviwunder

2014 - Judge Myra Stevenson  
BCC Philcar Phasioned for Sanville

2016 - Judge Sheila Thomson  
BCC & BOB Ch Torfness Scarlet Phancy

2017 - Judge Mike Gilchrist  
BCC & BOB Ch Torfness Scarlet Phancy

2018 - Judge Jan Reynolds  
BCC & BOB Ch Torfness Scarlet Phancy

2019 - Judge Elizabeth Scoates  
BCC Ch Torfness Scarlet Phancy

My apologies for any mistakes or omissions.

Nan MacLeod.

Tibetan Spaniel Club of Scotland New Web Site  
[www.tibetanspanielclubofscotland.co.uk](http://www.tibetanspanielclubofscotland.co.uk)



Hi there, some of you may have heard of me but most probably not. My name is Carl Hall I live near Southampton on the South Coast of the UK and own 2 of Aileen McDonald's Balgay Tibetan Spaniels, Finlay and Cooper. You may have seen my wife Deb in the show ring with Finlay. In 2019 Aileen asked me whether I would be able to put together a website for the Tibetan Spaniel Club of Scotland. To cut a long story short I did, and you can find it at [www.tibetanspanielclubofscotland.co.uk/](http://www.tibetanspanielclubofscotland.co.uk/)

There is quite a bit of information on the site, so I thought I'd take a moment to introduce the various elements to you. Once you arrive at the site, you'll see there is a menu at the top and each section contains the following:

#### **Our Club**

This section contains information about who the committee members are and also club show results. Sadly, the latter section is a lot emptier than we all hoped it would be!

#### **The Tibetan Spaniel**

As the name suggests, this part of the website is all about the Tibetan Spaniel, the breed standard, a quick guide and the latest health reports about the breed.

#### **Photo Gallery and Owner Stories**

I really like these sections of the website, it is where the joys of Tibetan Spaniel ownership really come across. A website needs photos and stories of what it is like to own a Tibetan Spaniel, words can only do so much. Scotland has some lovely Tibetan Spaniels and a great history in the breed, so it is fabulous to see that reflected in both words and pictures. This is an area I would love to see expand, so those of you that have old photo albums in the loft and a story to tell, drag the photos out and digitise some of them and send them through so we can see more of the history of our amazing breed. Scribble the words down on a piece of paper and post the photos to me, I'll get them on the website, as long as I can read your handwriting! I'd love to see them as a Tibbie owner, but I'm sure other club members would too. Indeed the website is visible to anyone in the whole world, so it would be great to share the stories with whoever lands on the page.

That's just a quick tour of the site, have a look for yourself and we'd love to hear your feedback.

# TIBETAN SPANIEL CLUB OF SCOTLAND

## Formation of the Club

### In the Beginning

For many years during the 70's and early 80's the exhibitors of Tibetan Spaniels in Scotland had to travel to shows in England to exhibit in breed classes and to attend Championship Breed Shows.

Many were members of the Tibetan Spaniel Association and founder members of the Northern Tibetan Spaniel Club which was originally formed to support exhibitors in the north of England and Scotland. Everyone always spoke of how good it would be to have a club of their own in Scotland.

The ball was set rolling in 1983 when Miss Yvonne Border (now Mrs Y Rawley) through her connections with the Scottish Kennel Club set up a meeting with Mr A Sim the then Secretary of the Scottish Kennel Club. Yvonne, Mrs Vi Armstrong, and the late Patron Mrs Aileen Young attended the meeting with Allan Sim who could not have been more helpful he gave the ladies lots of good advice on how to set up a club, what the club's aims should be, and forming a constitution etc. He assured them that the SKC would support the club if they could muster 25 members that is required.

An advert was placed in the dog press to arrange a meeting at the Plough Inn Larbert and over 60 people turned up eager to join the club. At that meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 1983 a committee was formed. Mrs Young resigned as the Chairman of the TSA to become the Chairman of the Scottish Club, Mr K McKie was voted on as Vice Chairman, Miss Y Border as Hon Secretary, Mrs V Armstrong as Hon Treasurer and Mr A Young as President. The other members of that first committee were: Mrs J Bennison, Mrs L Clark, Mrs M Harrower, Mrs S Hutchison, Miss P McKie, Mrs F Main, Mrs F Mathison, Mrs P Scott, Mr B & Mrs M Stevenson, and Miss S Thomson. A constitution was drawn up, names chosen for the new club and an application was sent to the Kennel Club.

While waiting we could not hold shows but could hold meetings so the first event arranged was a Strawberry Tea Party and Photographic competition held at Blackford on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 1984. The club very quickly received recognition from The Kennel Club and were able to hold their 1<sup>st</sup> Open Show in May 1985. The judge was Mrs June Tomlinson. BIS was Changilli Lho La who went on to gain her title, BOS was Simpature Laurel, Best Puppy Balgay Koo Kee and Best Veteran Balgay Artali. Holding 2 open show and a summer party for several years the club was then granted Championship Status for the April Show 1988.

Yvonne had by this time moved to England so had resigned as Hon Secretary and the committee thought it fitting to invite her to judge our 1<sup>st</sup> Championship Show. BIS was Amcross Punsonby, BOS Wildhern Winter Jasmine and Best Puppy Wildhern Eildon Mystic. Mrs Rawley as she became then judged our 25<sup>th</sup> Championship Show.

The club is now heading to its Ruby Anniversary of being formed in 2023.

## HEALTH REPORT

We have lost our Health rep, just recently due to her Graduating as vet and moving south, we wish her well so I will give the 2020 health report.

At the beginning of the pandemic, we also lost the AHT, who you will all know we carried out our PRA 3 testing with, and were also working on other projects. They were unable to be saved. However, as the year has gone on, we have 3 labs that can now carry out this test.

Animal Diagnostics at a cost of £48

Pet Genetics Lab at a cost of £40

Wetherbys in conjunction with the Kennel Club, have also taken on the PRA 3 testing and reporting, so anybody looking for a kit you can order direct from the KC website. It is very fancy and well controlled with them they also supply a booklet on the Test for the Tibetan spaniel.

Combibreed purchased through the Kennel Club shop at a cost of £50, results go directly to the KC

Also, along with losing the AHT, and the pandemic rules it has been harder for owners to be able to get the normal eye testing carried out, as this is currently not an urgent procedure for Scotland – we are trying to arrange a clinic at our open show in September so please keep your paws crossed. We understand the KC is making allowances for this. Over the year, all 5 clubs with the Breed Health rep have worked on the Health and Conservation plan, this is now available please let me know if you would like to see this once the KC have ratified all the information. One of our requests is that Assured breeders have to have the PRA 3 testing carried out for their breeding dogs and bitches, which is also something we think should be added to the Code of Ethics for the club which we will discuss later in the meeting.

As usual if you have any concerns please do get in touch, or if you feel you are unable to speak to the club or club health rep, there is a health email address that can take your issues.

All in all still a very healthy and happy breed, and we would like to be made aware of anything you think is occurring.

Thanks

**Aileen McDonald**

## Tibetan Spaniel Health Update January 2021

2020 has been a year not without its challenges, however as a breed we have managed to put together a Mortality survey covering the last 10 years. We have had 130 responses altogether. The average age at death is 13 years of age, of the 130 deaths reported 1 could not be counted as only the year was given and not the age, 20 were under the age of 10 and the remaining dogs reported were between 10 and 19 with 66 of those being between 14 and 16.

The health reps of all 5 Breed clubs together with some members of their committees had a zoom meeting to discuss the Breed Health and Conservation Plan which the Kennel Club require us to produce. The result of this was a consensus of opinion on the health priorities for the breed as well as issues which require watching. All breed clubs were sent copies of the finished document to make sure it was what was agreed, and this document is now with the Kennel Club for finalisation, hopefully it will be available for others to see once the Kennel Club have agreed to the changes requested. There is also in this document 4 points of action for the breed clubs to take on board, I am not going to give details at this time as we need to be sure that everything is agreed by the kennel club and the breed clubs before the information is made public but fear not the health reps and their respective clubs are working hard to make sure that everything in this document is for the benefit of the breed.

2020 was a difficult time for anyone requiring eye testing as very few sessions were held, those held with the Club shows were cancelled as were the shows themselves, however I understand the kennel club is making allowances for this.

This year should have the Breed Health Survey going out, the final format of this has still to be agreed but I would urge everyone to fill it in and send it to their puppy owners to fill in as one thing that became clear when we were doing the Breed Health and Conservation Plan was that there is more health information for the breed coming from Scandinavia and the USA than there is from the UK, not all of this information is totally relevant to the breed in the UK and therefore we must gather as much information on any health issues as possible, and continue to do so at regular intervals. Following on from this everyone must let their club Health reps know when something new or at least out of the ordinary crops up, it is the only way we can know what is going on in the breed.

For those wishing to have PRA3 DNA testing done, the following labs offer the service:

Combibreed purchased through the Kennel Club shop at a cost of £50, results go directly to the KC

Animal Diagnostics at a cost of £48

Pet Genetics Lab at a cost of £40

Genomia at a cost of \$56 plus VAT

Other than Combibreed owners will have to send results to the KC themselves.

# Judges' Education Programme (Breed Shows)

A new system has been developed for the education, approval and listing of every level of judge, from those who aspire to judge, right through to open show judges, plus those who go on to award Challenge Certificates, judge championship show groups and best in show.

The system has been designed taking into account the feedback received from exhibitors, show societies and judges.

## Level 1

### Requirements to meet this level:

- Minimum of five years proven interest in pedigree dogs
- Attend a requirements of a dog show judge seminar (but not mandatory to take and pass examination)
- Attend a conformation and movement seminar
- Complete a minimum of two full-day stewarding appointments

### Eligibility to judge

Up to three classes (four if one is a puppy class) for any breed at limited or open shows.

## Level 2

### Requirements to meet this level

#### First breed:

- Take and pass requirements of a dog show judge examination
- Pass points of a dog assessment
- Attend a breed appreciation day (BAD) and pass a multiple-choice examination (MCE) for the respective breed
- View ring stewarding seminar and take online quiz
- Complete critique writing seminar and take online quiz

#### Subsequent breeds

- Attend a breed appreciation day (BAD) and pass a multiple-choice examination (MCE) for each breed. Note: Not mandatory for group judge for breeds in the group that they are not approved at level 4, but attendance strongly recommended

### Eligibility to judge

- Unlimited number of classes for the respective breed at limited, open or championship shows (no CCs)
- Any variety classes, groups and best in show at limited shows

## Level 3



## Requirements to meet this level

- Undergo minimum of three mentoring sessions with a minimum of 12 months between first and third session
- Be observed judging a breed club show, breed supported entry show or championship show without CCs
- Complete remaining 10 full-day stewarding appointments (onetime qualification)
- Have owned/bred a minimum of three dogs when they obtained their first entry in The Kennel Club Stud Book – save for exceptional circumstances (one-time qualification for first breed in which a judge awards CCs)
- Attended the appropriate sub-group field trial/open gundog working test for first gundog breed or ring procedure at licensed shows (German Shepherd Dog education programme) online exam (one-time qualification)
- Have achieved the relevant hands-on experience in line with the stated requirements for the relevant stud book band:
  - Band A minus<sup>1</sup> – 15 dogs
  - Band A – 20 dogs
  - Band B – 35 dogs
  - Band C – 60 dogs
  - Band D – 90 dogs
  - Band E – 125 dogs

The following types of event may be used to claim hands-on experience numbers:

- Breed classes at championship shows without CCs
- Breed classes at open shows
- Breed classes at limited shows
- Mock/training classes at breed club shows (practical judging days) – only one occasion can be claimed and a maximum of five dogs
- Dogs judged at Kennel Club approved assessments, maximum of five dogs – only one occasion and a maximum of five dogs. Cannot be used in addition to mock classes
- Dogs judged at inter or intra-club single-breed matches
- Special award classes at breed club shows
- Supported entry shows
- Dogs judged at single breed dog of the year competitions
- Overseas appointments

Dogs judged at the following types of event may *not* be included in a judge's hands-on experience:

- AVNSC and variety classes
- At fun days
- Jointly with other judges at events where the candidate judge is not required to give independent judgment on the dogs
- Any JEP mentoring sessions

## Eligibility to judge

- Unlimited number of classes for the respective breed at limited, open or championship shows (no CCs)

- Any variety classes groups and best in show at limited shows

## Level 4 CC judge

### Requirements to meet this level

- Attend and passed a breed-specific assessment for the specific breed run by The Kennel Club

### Eligibility to judge

- Award Challenge Certificates in the respective breed
- Any variety classes, groups and best in show at open and limited shows

### Following the KC independent review, the below is a summary of the new programme:

#### New name

- KC Board agreed to rename the Judges Competency Framework (JCF) following feedback of the review and the KC survey
- The Judges Education Programme (Breed Shows) to better reflect the purpose of the scheme and to align with other disciplines the KC caters for

#### What hasn't changed?

- Most of the original 'JCF' criteria has remained – some changes to where the criteria sits
- The various Levels are still present
- Key requirements of BAD, mentoring, observation, assessment remain
- BEC responsibilities remain unchanged

#### What has changed?

- Judges will not be licensed and there will be no fee to continue to judge (to be reviewed after 3 years)
- Judges no longer required to sit the Requirements of a Dog Show Judge exam every 5 years (to be reviewed after 3 years)
- Reduced requirements to achieve Level 1 – moved to Level 2
- A specified minimum hands-on experience has been introduced for each breed
- No pass/fail element to mentoring
- Criteria to be Mentor/Observer introduced (with exceptions)
- Some online exams amended to quizzes

#### Breed Appreciation Day

- Candidates must have met Level 1 criteria to sit MCE
- Advertised via KC online diary, KC Journal, social media and other means
- Full guidance on running event within Code of Best Practice
- No requirement for BEC to attend if they do not wish

#### Mentoring Criteria for Mentors is as follows:

- Persons who have bred/owned at least 2 UK champions in the breed (Champion or Show Champion) and awarded CCs at least 2 times
- Persons who do not meet criteria 1, but are supported by at least 50% of breed clubs (except where there is one breed club and they have the support of that club) or by the breed council and the KC Judges Committee

#### Mentoring

- Once a judge has registered at Level 2 they are eligible to be mentored
- Minimum of three mentoring sessions with at least 12 months between first and third mentoring session
- No pass/fail element to mentoring but comments required
- Mentoring can take place in any of the following four scenarios: - Group Mentoring session run by a breed club - One-to-one mentoring at the ringside - Judging Special Awards Classes - Acting as a Student Judge
- Any combination of these scenarios can be used, but Group Mentoring can only be used once

## Observation

- Once a judge has completed at least three mentoring sessions and ideally completed stewarding and achieved 3 Stud Book Numbers they must be observed judging either: - Breed Club Open Sow - Breed supported entry show - Championship show without CCs

Observation Criteria for Observers is as follows:

- Persons who have bred/owned at least 3 UK champions in the breed (Champion or Show Champion) and awarded CCs at least 3 times.
- Persons who do not meet the criteria above but are supported by at least 50% of breed clubs (except where there is one breed club and they have the support of that club) or by the breed council and the KC Judges Committee and have been approved to award CCs in the breed.
- This will normally ONLY apply in breeds where there are insufficient judges qualified as above – mainly non-CC breeds and breeds that have recently gained CC status.

## **Becoming a Judge ...**

2020 was not a good year to develop and encourage our future Judges, however, lets look forward to when we get back to dog showing and a more normal life.

For those who are not aware, following an independent review in 2019 by the Kennel Club, the JCF (Judges Competency Framework) was renamed as JEP – Judges Education Programme (Breed Shows). The fundamental structure of the JEP did not change but strengthened and structured the Judging Journey.

### **What is the JEP?**

The JEP is a structured programme to support, develop and train our future Judges and provide the support network required.

The system has been developed for the education, approval and listing of every level of judge, from those who aspire to judge, right through to open show judges, plus those who go on to award Challenge Certificates, judge Championship shows groups and Best in Show.

To start on the Judging Journey, you must have sufficient knowledge and experience of your breed. The Kennel Club suggests a minimum of five years' involvement in pedigree dogs before stepping into the centre of the ring and officiating.

Once you have decided that you would like to Judge, the following are the steps to utilise the structured training and support to move you through the levels of the JEP (Breed Shows).

# Judges Education Programme (Breed Shows)

	Requirements to meet this Level
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimum of 5 years proven interest in pedigree dogs</li><li>• Attend a Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar (but not mandatory to take and pass examination)</li><li>• Attend a Conformation and Movement seminar</li><li>• Complete a minimum of 2 full day stewarding appointments</li></ul>
Level 2	<p><u>First breed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take and pass Requirements of a Dog Show Judge examination</li><li>• Pass Points of a Dog assessment</li><li>• Attend a Breed Appreciation Day (BAD) and pass a Multiple Choice Examination (MCE) for the respective breed</li><li>• View ring stewarding seminar and take online quiz</li><li>• Complete critique writing seminar and take online quiz</li></ul> <p><u>Subsequent breeds:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attend a Breed Appreciation Day (BAD) and pass a Multiple Choice Examination (MCE) for each breed. <i>Note: Not mandatory for Group Judge for breeds in the group that they are <u>not</u> approved at Level 4, but attendance strongly recommended.</i></li></ul>
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Undergo minimum of 3 mentoring sessions with a minimum of 12 months between first and third session</li><li>• Be observed judging a breed club show, breed supported entry show or championship show without CCs</li><li>• Have achieved the relevant hands-on experience in line with the stated requirements for the relevant Stud Book Band</li><li>• Complete remaining 10 full day stewarding appointments (one-time qualification)</li><li>• Have owned/bred a minimum of 3 dogs when they obtained their first entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book – save for exceptional circumstances (one-time qualification)</li><li>• Attended the appropriate sub-group Field Trial/Open Gundog Working Test for first gundog breed or Ring Procedure at Licensed Shows (German Shepherd Dog Education Programme) online exam (one-time qualification)</li></ul>
Level 4 CC Judge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attend and passed a Breed Specific Assessment for the specific breed run by the Kennel Club</li></ul>

## What do I do next?

You need to decide if you would like to start to Judge and start on your JEP Journey.

It should not be daunting but seen as an opportunity to get the right training at the right time and ensure you have the support network to give you that helping hand.

Your first step is to visit the Kennel Club website and enrol yourself on the Kennel Club Academy, this will provide you with access to the online training.

You can start to accept Judging appointments:

**Level 1 Eligibility to judge:** Up to three classes (four if one is a puppy class) for any breed at limited or open shows. If you have already started on your Journey, you may already be passed Level 1 and into Level 2 or even 3 – please get in touch and I can support in the BAD, or Mentoring etc.

**Level 2/3: Eligibility to judge:**

- Unlimited number of classes for the respective breed at limited, open or championship shows (no CCs)
- Any variety classes, groups and best in show at limited shows

If you would like more information on this process, please utilise the Kennel Club Website:  
<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/events-and-activities/dog-showing/judging-dog-shows/>

Additionally, please get in touch, as your Breed Education Coordinator (BEC) I am here to support you through your journey. I have been in the Breed for over 20 years and have been a committed member of the Northern Tibetan Spaniel Club for over 14. The Breed needs you – you are the next generation of Judges.

Tina Poyser  
BEC Tibetan Spaniels  
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And For a bit of fun .

### **THE STANDARD OF THE BREEDER / OWNER / HANDLER GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS**

The ideal is an energetic, far-sighted creature with the courage and perseverance of a hound and natural antipathy for losing. He should appear neither clumsy nor awkward, as a certain amount of speed and agility is essential while doing his thing. He is usually found in packs at dog shows.

#### **HEAD**

The width between the ears varies with wins and losses. Surmounted by a topknot of long or short hair, either flat, wavy or rather curly, on occasion may be thinning at the top or completely bald, but the latter is rare on the female. The male is sometimes bearded -- again -- this is rare on the female but not unheard of.

#### **NOSE**

A pinkish tinge during the summer months. This should not be penalized on an otherwise first-class specimen.

#### **EARS**

In proportion to the head. Ability to listen while in the company of elder and wiser breeders is to be greatly desired.

#### **MOUTH**

Large enough to put a foot in. A slight bulge in the jaw denotes a liver bait.

#### **BODY**

Short-coupled variety, usually plump and well padded in hindquarters, flabbiness to be penalized. Long-coupled variety, lean and sinewy. Extra size being no disadvantage in either variety provided it does not interfere with freedom of action.

#### **SHOULDERS**

Never drooping. Broad enough for slapping or crying on.

#### **BACK**

Muscular and strong -- however, occasional stiffness due to leaning over large dogs or crouching behind small dogs is permissible.

#### **CHEST**

Room for plenty of heart.

#### **FOREARMS**

Flexible and well-muscled, caused by lifting crates, putting up tents, carrying dogs and much grooming.

#### **HANDS**

A working specimen will have short chewed nails -- signs of length or loss shall be penalized accordingly.

#### **LEGS AND FEET**

Very muscular and flexible. Endurance is not of great importance. Knees well bent and pitted by small stones from kneeling outdoors.

#### **COLOR**

Immaterial. Green color denoting envy or red color denoting rage is a disqualification.

#### **TEMPERAMENT**

Aloof and dignified, even elegant while working. A cheerful, spirited and tractable disposition desired when in the company of the pack. Shyness among strangers is not considered a fault, however, rumor-mongering and viciousness in any degree is a disqualification.

#### **GENERAL FAULTS**

Over grooming, tardiness in arriving for class, bad sportsmanship and backbiting.

Author Unknown