

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB JUDGES' EDUCATION

Criteria for ABC Mentors

The ABC Breeder Mentor requirements are meant to be a **guide** in selecting mentors. The Judge's Education Committee will be responsible for selecting individuals in their areas of the country that meet these criteria; individuals they feel would be good representatives of the American Brittany Club. The names of those people will be sent to the Judge's Education Chairman. The Chair will review those chosen and then invite those individuals to join the ABC Ringside Mentors. According to AKC anyone having twelve years experience may mentor and sign mentor's slips, so if someone is not chosen to be an ABC mentor, it does not eliminate them from mentoring. AKC does check credentials on individuals mentoring to be sure they have twelve years experience.

1. A full member in good standing of the American Brittany Club for the past 12 years.
2. A full member of a regional Brittany Club for the past 12 years.
3. Having bred, whelped, and raised Brittany litters in accordance with the ABC Code of Ethics would be considered helpful.
4. Having attended at least 5 ABC National Events that include both conformation and performance (field trials). (5 Total)
5. The applicant, to be effective, should:
 - Be well versed in the history of the Brittany,
 - Be knowledgeable about the Brittany Conformation Standard,
 - Understand the Brittany Performance Standard,
 - Have experience with the process of judging in conformation and performance,
 - Be willing to have prospective judges come to their home or kennel to observe and discuss Brittanys,
 - Attend any classes or meeting for mentors when possible,
 - Realize that their conduct reflects on the ABC at all times,
 - Should be unbiased,
 - Adhere to Brittany standard and it's quest to keep the breed "forever dual" in keeping with the ABC Mission Statement.

We thank judges for taking the time to attend Brittany events, judge's education and turning to the American Brittany club for ringside mentoring. AKC's requirements for becoming a judge are lengthy and costly, so we appreciate your efforts on our behalf.