



**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB™**

### **ADDITIONAL BREED COMPONENT CRITERIA: SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS**

Applicants for additional breeds are required to satisfy four of ten specific components to qualify for each breed requested. Among their options are Seminars, Institutes, Judges Study Groups and Mentoring. There exists a wide disparity of effort that applicants expect credit for to satisfy these components, and expectations sometimes include credit for as many as three components for a single experience.

In an effort to establish uniformity and clarify requirements, “Seminars” and “Hands On Workshops” are specifically defined as follows. For all institutes, seminars and workshops attended after April 1, 2006, credit toward the requirements for additional breeds will only be given according to the following conditions.

#### **Seminars**

One component will be counted for attendance at a breed specific “Seminar” providing its sole purpose is the presentation of information essential to judge that breed and:

- There is a 90 minute or longer presentation that includes history, form and function of the breed, an in-depth consideration of the Standard and a question and answer period.
- The presenter and content are Parent Club approved whenever possible.
- One or two live dogs are available for illustration and examination.
- Class size should be limited to 40.
- Attendance must be certified and reported to Judging Operations.

#### **Workshops**

One additional component will be counted for attendance at an accompanying breed-specific hands-on “Workshop” providing it is a clinical extension of a seminar and:

- A discussion of the proper prioritization of breed characteristics precedes the hands on.
- There is a 60 minute or longer period that includes instructions on how to properly effect a breed specific examination.
- There is the occasion to rank exhibits presented and explain placements to mentors.
- Mentor/Participant ratio should not exceed 1:10.
- A minimum of four dogs/bitches per group must be present. All must be at least six months of age. No dog/bitch may be examined by more than 20 individuals per day.
- Attendance must be certified and reported to Judging Operations.

#### **General**

Institutes, seminars and workshops must be accessible to American Kennel Club Staff including the Executive Field Staff. Judging Operations Staff will be available as a resource, to promote a positive rapport in the judging community and make periodic presentations as Judging Operations considers appropriate and feasible.

Sponsoring organization must submit a summary and report of each Seminar and Workshop presented along with certification of attendance. Report must document having met each condition outlined above.

Additional credit for “Mentoring” will not be given for experience at the institute. “Mentoring” credit will be considered for relationships established at institutes/seminars/workshops and documented as ongoing.