

## PHCA JUDGES EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the PHCA Judges Education Committee is to provide education to current judges and to prospective judges of Pharaoh Hounds who are applying to the American Kennel Club for approval to judge. The Committee will prepare and update educational materials, coordinate educational events, and maintain a list of qualified Breed Mentors to act as seminar presenters and mentors on behalf of the PHCA. Committee members may be listed on the BreedMentor list and are encouraged to apply. Application to join the Breed Mentor list is open to all PHCA members once the qualification level is reached. Only Members of the Breed Mentor list can do ringside mentoring of prospective (or current) judges and present PHCA-approved seminars. Club members must apply to join the Breed Mentor list. The Judges Education Committee Chair and the Board of the PHCA must be informed of all “parent club approved seminars,” and approval for those seminars can be given by the Committee Chair or the Board. Breed Mentors can provide ringside and other mentoring at any time, less formally.

### BREED MENTOR APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. Must be a current member in good standing of the PHCA.
2. Must know the background, history, function, and conformation of the PharaohHound.
3. Must have twelve (12) years of demonstrable Pharaoh Hound experience in the breed,preferably in conformation.
4. Must have been the owner of a Pharaoh Hound for a minimum of ten (10) years and have bred or co-bred two (2) litters, resulting in a minimum of four (4) AKC conformation champions.
5. Must have attended at least:
  - 5.1. One (1) PHCA sanctioned Judges Education Seminar,

**OR**

5.2. One (1) PHCA seminar on the AKC webinar site;\_AND **p**articipate in at least one (1) Interactive PHCA Seminar Review and Discussion with a member of the Judges Education Committee (either in person or via video conference).

6. Must have attended at least (1) PHCA National Specialty within the last five (5) years.
7. At their own expense, mentors must take and pass the Anatomy and Pharaoh Hound Breed Standard courses administered by AKC through its online Canine College Program and provide proof of successful completion to the current Chair of the Education Committee. Individuals currently recognized as mentors shall have twelve (12) months to complete this requirement to remain recognized as a mentor. Failure of current mentors to complete this process and provide proof to the Chair of the Education Committee within twelve (12) months shall result in the member being removed from the mentor list.
8. The mentor must also have excellent communication skills and provide discussion based strictly on the interpretation of the standard in a clear, understandable, and insightful manner.
9. Once approved as a mentor, as suggested by the American Kennel Club, the mentor shall sign and adhere to the guidelines of the Pharaoh Hound Club of America Mentoring Agreement and provide the same to the Chair of the Education Committee.
- 10.** To maintain mentor status, mentors will:
  - 10.1.** participate in the Interactive PHCA Seminar Review and Discussion with a member of the Judges Education Committee (in person or via video conference) at least once every five (5) years; and
  - 10.2.** attend a national specialty at least once every five (5) years.

## BREED MENTOR CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS

1. Breed Mentors must have strong ethics, and their integrity and devotion to the breed must be above reproach. Promotion of individual living dogs or the Mentor's own breeding is strictly forbidden, plus show records should not be discussed.
2. Ringside mentoring will be conducted per the most current AKC rules and with the highest level of discretion and professionalism.
3. Ringside Mentors will be permitted to participate on days they are exhibiting, up to the class in which they have an entry. They will not be allowed to participate except at National or Regional Specialties, where formal ringside mentoring is organized by Judges Education Committee (per AKC rules). If a Pharaoh Hound being exhibited is shown by a professional handler bred, co-bred, or owned by the mentor, then the mentor shall not comment on that dog.
4. Ringside Mentors shall be required to document their mentoring on the most current AKC Ringside Mentoring form.
5. Ringside Mentoring and Seminar presentations must be entirely consistent with the breed standard of the Pharaoh Hound as approved by the AKC.
6. Seminars presented by Breed Mentors will use the PHCA materials for presentations and handouts. No additional materials will be used without prior submission to the Judges Education Committee Chair for approval.
7. For other seminars, where the selection of hands-on exhibits is more limited, only dogs not being currently campaigned should be used. Any dog actively being campaigned is not eligible for hand-on exhibition.
8. At the National Specialty, the hands-on exhibits will consist of dogs invited by the seminar presenter or a member of the Judges Education Committee.
9. Breed Mentors must have the time available and willingness to attend shows or specialties to assist prospective judges with interpreting the Pharaoh Hound standard through ringside tutoring and/or hands-on evaluation (following exhibition) and

answering questions. In cases where judges feel they need immediate advice, mentoring can be done by telephone.

10. Mentors must always be aware that they are the guardians of the breed and therefore be mindful of keeping the welfare of our breed as their priority.

11. Mentors must comply with the current Pharaoh Hound Club of America Code of Ethics.

A mentor found to not comply with the current Pharaoh Hound Club of America Code of Ethics may be removed as a mentor. A mentor not in compliance with the current Pharaoh Hound Club of America Code of Ethics shall be allowed sixty (60) days to comply with the current Pharaoh Hound Club of America Code of Ethics before being removed as a mentor.

12. Written notice of failure to comply with the current Pharaoh Hound Club of America Code of Ethics and any subsequent removal for failure to abide by the current Pharaoh Hound Club of America Code of Ethics shall be written to the member by the Pharaoh Hound Club of America Board of Directors.

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