



Tidbits 17, 18 & 19 - Insights Into Judging Obedience

Give back to our Sport through judging – Yes, YOU!

Below is the next installment of Random Little Tidbits of information (from me) in regards to the AKC Obedience Regulations. Knowledge of the Regulations provides you the power for...

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Today's Random Little Tidbit Series -

#17 >Take a Moment And Step Into The Shoes of an Obedience Judge<

#18 >>Items to Observe and Make Notes of While Apprenticing<<

#19 >>>Ringside Observations<<<



To assist you in your apprenticing for becoming an obedience judge, observe how a Judge sets up and marks their ring for the different classes, plus judging position(s) during the various exercises. Take notes go over them with the Judge if time permits.

Note:

- 1) Size of the ring for the class(es) being judged for the day.
- 2) The marks put out in the ring when setting up for the different classes.
- 3) Placement of the judge's table.
- 4) Ring gate as it relates to heeling pattern and the different exercises.
- 5) Placement of jumps and checking the equipment.
- 6) Heeling pattern(s)--Is your pattern fair to all breeds and handlers? Is it choppy?
- 7) Are the Fast, Slow and Halts adequate and fair to all breeds?
- 8) *Positions and movements* during the heeling pattern--observing the most possible!
- 9) Position during the different exercises- is a reason for *where* the Judge stands.
- 10) Calling of Judge's orders--correct orders, timing the giving of the order.
- 11) Instructions to the stewards.
- 12) Posted materials at ringside.
- 13) Worksheets and charts to assist in making quick notes for scoring and feedback.
- 14) Group exercises:
 - a.) Group worksheet for scoring and notations for qualifiers and non-qualifiers.
 - b.) Handling group issues.
 - c.) Instructions to handlers and stewards.
- 15) Note handler and dog errors *between* exercises that are scorable (also during Group).
- 16) Checking the items the handler presents for the different classes and when to check.
- 17) Observing the dog and handler while in the ring at ALL times from entering to exiting.
- 18) Judge's Book--filling out the Book, who to give it to and when to turn it in.
- 19) Announcements, Awards and presenting the placements to the audience.
- 20) What's in the briefcase? "Tools of the trade" so you are prepared.

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