

01-12-2019 - SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS: A question arose regarding the eligibility of a club member to exhibit to a specific judge. I would like to remind you that per AKC policy, individuals who co-own with judges may not exhibit to that judge. Exhibit refers to personally handling any dog or any dog owned or co-owned by that exhibitor, regardless of who handles the dog and/or where the dog resides. Exhibitor restrictions apply to all members of the same household. Any animal co-owned with a judge may not be exhibited from three days before through three days after the judge's assignment.

To put this in perspective, any exhibitor who co-owns any dog(s) with a judge is excluded from being able to show to that judge. This includes handling dogs for other individuals. Additionally any dog that that exhibitor owns or co-owns may not be exhibited to that same judge, regardless of who handles the dog or where the dog resides. This rule also applies to all members of that exhibitor's household. Other exhibitors who may co-own with the exhibitor in question may show animals NOT CO-OWNED by the exhibitor in question.

According to the AKC's Rules, Policies & Guidelines for Conformation Judges, Chapter on Ethics: Obviously, some rules, policies and guidelines are clear. For example: • Never accept any payments or presents for past or future placements. [P] • Advise potential exhibitors not to enter under you when their presence or the presence of their dogs might give the impression of unfair advantage. [P] For example, if the exhibitor is: ...your employer or an employee. ...a relative. ...a person with whom you co-own dogs. ...a person with whom you travel to dog shows. No entry shall be made at any show under a judge of any dog which said judge or any member of his immediate household or immediate family has been known to have owned, handled in the ring more than twice, sold, held under lease or boarded within one year prior to the date of the show. [R]

If you have any questions, I encourage you to contact me for further clarification.

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