

By the authority of the GPCA Constitution/Bylaws, any committee member who does not follow these guidelines may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint a successor for the person whose service has been terminated.

HANDS ON PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

I. GENERAL

- A. The Attendees of the Seminar/Workshop will be performing a physical examination of the German Pinschers.
- B. The Attendees will be conducting a written evaluation of each exhibit.
- C. These evaluations will then be discussed openly and without malice.
- D. The purpose of the discussion is to ensure that the Attendees understood the presentation and can apply what they have been taught to the dogs they have examined on that day and in the future.

II. EXHIBITS

- A. All dogs must be at least six months of age and must be current on State required vaccinations.
- B. All dogs must be bathed/groomed within 24 hours of presentation.
- C. Behavior of dogs or handlers which detracts from the presentation will result in them being removed from the Seminar/Workshop -- zero tolerance.
- D. It is preferred, but not required, that bitches in season not be used in the hands-on presentation.
- E. Each dog will be labeled as "Exhibit A", "B", etc.

III. SELECTION OF EXHIBITS

- A. Presenters may not use any personally owned German Pinscher for the hands-on that is currently being campaigned. ("Campaigned" is defined as being shown more than six times in an AKC regular class within the year.)
- B. When Seminars/Workshops are held in conjunction with a show, and live dogs are required, the Presenter will ask German Pinscher exhibitors to bring a dog for presentation. All exhibitors will be invited equally and without prejudice for the name of the kennel, owner, or breeder.
- C. If there are no German Pinschers entered at the show where a Seminar/Workshop is to be held, and live dogs are required, the Presenter will make every effort to contact German Pinscher owners in the area to bring a dog/dogs for presentation.
- D. All owners in the area will be contacted equally without prejudice for the name of the kennel, owner, or breeder. No singular kennel should be used in conjunction with these Seminars/Workshops.

- E. The Presenter will keep a list of the kennels, owners, and breeders they contacted and the results of said contact.
- F. If there are no German Pinschers available in the area, **and** no one has volunteered, **and** the AKC Seminar/Workshop requires a Hands-On presentation, the Presenter may bring the necessary number of personal dogs. A Presenter's dog that is currently and actively being campaigned, as defined above, is still prohibited from use, unless, the dog in question is the Presenter's **only** dog. All of these exceptions shall be listed in the Presenter report to the JEC/BEC.

IV. HANDLER INSTRUCTIONS

- A. All dogs must be accompanied by their Handler, unless crated.
- B. All Handlers are required to clean up after their dogs.
- C. The handler shall not refer to the dog using any part of their registered name.
- D. The Handlers are to have limited conversation with the judges.
- E. The Handlers **WILL NOT** interject their opinions of the dogs' strengths or weaknesses. Mentioning and/or discussing the dogs' show career, accolades, breeding, pedigree, etc., **WILL NOT** be permitted.
- F. There will be (1) one Handler per dog. The Handler should be the owner, co-owner, breeder, or immediate household member. The term "Handler" refers to the person responsible for the presentation of the dog during the Seminar/Workshop, which excludes non owner professional handlers.
- G. Exception: Should the aforementioned individuals not be able to attend the Seminar/Workshop and the dog is required* for the Hands-On exhibit; the presiding Presenter may choose/approve a substitute Handler. All of these exceptions shall be listed in the Presenter report to the JEC/BEC.

*AKC Criteria for Workshops require four (4) dogs/bitches. AKC Criteria for Seminars require one to two (1-2) dogs/bitches.

V. PROCEDURAL INSTRUCTIONS

- A. All dogs shall be presented in a "show stack."
- B. All dogs will be required to wear a secure collar and lead. Show or Obedience collar and lead are acceptable.
- C. The handler will maintain control of the dog at all times while being examined.

VI. EVALUATION PROCEDURES

- A. Exhibits will be examined on the floor during the Hands-On Evaluation. If desired by the Presenter, they can ask exhibitors to volunteer their dog to be presented on a table for eye level viewing.

B. The Exhibits will then demonstrate Movement.

1. Movement will include: Down and Back – to view front and rear movement: Go Around – to view reach, drive, top lines, and balance.
2. Each Exhibit will be moved an adequate number of times for all Attendees to critique and notate their views prior to the open discussion.

This document has been approved by a vote of the GPCA Membership. Therefore, all future proposed changes must also be submitted to a GPCA Membership vote before becoming effective. However, in the event of an emergent or developing situation that is not in the best interest of the breed and/or the GPCA, the GPCA Board of Directors may make temporary changes to address the situation, and a full GPCA Membership vote must follow within six months of said change.

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