

American Lhasa Apso Club

Instructions to Litter Examiners

The American Lhasa Apso Club approved recordation with AKC FSS® for region-of-origin Lhasa Apsos or dogs descended from region-of-origin Lhasa Apsos that do not have full three-generation pedigrees from an AKC recognized registry. The goal of recording recently imported region of origin Lhasa Apsos is to increase genetic diversity while maintaining the integrity of the AKC studbook. The overall impression must be that these are Lhasa Apso puppies. Bearing in mind that they are the product of both human and natural selection and viability, these puppies do not have to be show potential Lhasa Apsos.

You have been selected to be a litter examiner because of your experience and knowledge of the Lhasa Apso. Your ability to make a reasonable and accurate assessment of the litter presented to you is essential to the recordation process.

The purpose of litter examination is to exam each puppy, take data and make notes. The litter of puppies will be out of an AKC FSS® recorded female and sired by an AKC FSS® recorded male OR out of an AKC FSS® recorded female and sired by an AKC registered male OR out of an AKC registered female and sired by an AKC FSS® recorded male.

Your primary task is to record data and make notes. You will be asked if the litter you are examining is purebred. The examination process is not a dog show where the merits of one puppy are compared against another. This is a common practice at dog shows, but it is not appropriate in ALAC Examinations.

Each of these puppies will undergo an extensive Critique Process after six months of age, before being eligible for individual recording with AKC FSS®. It is not your job to individually critique each puppy. Your job is to exam the litter, record data and make notes.

Comments need not be lengthy. If the examiner does not consider the litter pure-bred Lhasa Apsos, an explanation must be given. Additional space on the back of the Examination Form is available for lengthier commentaries.

ALAC thanks you for your help in this vital function.