

ALAC Mentoring Criteria & Guidelines

Criteria for ALAC approved mentors and JEC Committee members:

1. Mentors must be members in good standing of ALAC for at least 12 years.
2. Must meet the American Kennel Club's 12-5-4 requirements: 12 years owning Lhasas, 5 years breeding Lhasas and has bred a minimum of 4 champions. Being an ALAC Register of Merit [ROM] breeder is recommended.
3. Will sign a statement agreeing to use only ALAC approved educational materials and not contradict the AKC Lhasa Apso Standard.
4. Should focus the discussion on the Standard and ALAC education materials and refrain from offering personal opinion in direct conflict with those guidelines. Should be knowledgeable enough to recognize where there are legitimate differences of opinion in the breed and be able to discuss various points of view openly and objectively.
5. Must agree that we want our breed judged in a positive manner. Therefore, ringside mentoring should be positive, emphasizing attributes of exhibits rather than faults, and it should be confidential. The ensuing discussion must not be shared publicly after the mentoring session.
6. Should be willing to travel at their own expense to specialty shows, group or all-breed shows that have entries large enough to qualify under AKC guidelines.
7. ALAC members who are also AKC licensed breeder-judges may be invited to be official mentors without going through the application process and are expected to be familiar with all AKC's ringside observations/mentoring guidelines and forms.
8. Members who submit a mentoring application but are not licensed AKC judges should be willing to participate in ALAC training programs in order to familiarize themselves with the judges education & mentoring programs.
9. Must agree to have AKC and/or ALAC provide his/her name and contact information to prospective judges.

Additional criteria for JEC committee members and program presenters; highly recommended for mentors:

- A. Attended at least one ALAC national specialty within the past three years.
- B. Participated in at least one ALAC judges education program or ALAC Sponsored Mentor Training within the past three years.

General guidelines for ringside mentors:

* Each ALAC approved mentor should retain several copies of the Illustrated Guide to share with prospective judges.

* Prospective judges/observers are responsible for supplying and completing the 'Ringside Observation /Mentor Forms.' The mentor completes and signs a section on the form. A sample of this form is on the ALAC website.