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CONGRATULATIONS

DENISE & PETER SIMENAUER

DIOR COTONS

AKC BREEDERS OF MERIT



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Happy Thanksgiving



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Congratulations 



Dior's Besame Mucho Morninglow

Finished his AKC Grand Championship, sweeping Best of Breed all four days of the Springfield, IL cluster. Owner : Emilo & Leslie Machaio.

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California Dreamin' Cotons

*"New Champion"
California Dreamin's Bella Mia*

Owners: Dennis & Donna Presleu



Judge Etiquette

Recently we asked seasoned AKC judge, **Stephanie Seabrook Hedgepath** if she would be interviewed for **Show Ring – Judge Etiquette**. We hope this article will be useful to all in your future as show exhibitors. Bio information included with this article.

1. What is the best way to interact with a judge when coming in the ring?

When the judge approaches your dog, a polite "Good Morning" or "Good Afternoon" or some such banality is sufficient.

2. Is chatting with a judge during the exam OK?

Only if the judges chats to you. See above!

3. What would be things that should not be discussed in the ring?

Nothing other than pleasantries or basic greetings should be discussed in the ring. Never tell the judge what your dog just won or how many points he needs to finish. There should really be very little talking in the ring, especially by the exhibitor. Some judges, myself included, often say something to the dog, to put both dog and handler at ease, but that is about all the talking other than the judge giving instructions to the exhibitor. I talk more than most judges, especially if I think the quality of dog being shown in a class is of above average quality. If you do not understand what the judge's instructions, it is OK to ask them to clarify or repeat them. Your best bet is to come early to ringside and watch how the judge runs their ring - do they do a triangle? Do they move the dog around the ring when it first enters, even if it is a singleton class? Sometimes a judge has to change their normal pattern, usually due to weather conditions such as the constant movement of shade in the ring on a hot, sunny day, so come prepared and don't get upset if the judge changes the pattern. Sometimes, our directions are a bit unclear (even to us!) and we don't mind being asked for clarification.

4. Is it appropriate to talk to a judge after judging before the next breed comes into the ring?

Only if there is a hard break in time for the start of the next group of dogs and the judge has some extra time before that next set of dogs comes into the ring. When one breed is finished for the day, the next breed immediately comes into the ring. The judge has a time limit for each breed and MUST keep on time.

5. Should you ask a judge after judging, to examine your dog so that judge can see what your breed should look/feel like?

No, not if the purpose is to educate the judge on your breed. Even in such a new breed as the Coton, the judge should have educated themselves on the breed prior to judging it. If

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the judge would like to talk with the exhibitors after judging, then they will request it of the exhibitors before they leave the ring. Often, if there are a number of dogs entered in the Miscellaneous class and the judge knows the breed will soon compete for points, the judge will ask questions of the exhibitors after judging their breed while they are still in the ring. Any discussion should be initiated by the judge.

6. Can you ask a judge to evaluate your dog? If so when would be a good time?

Certainly, you can always request that a judge go over your dog and let you know what they think about its faults and virtues. Some judges will refuse, but some will be more than happy to do so IF they have some open time during the day. If the judge has a full slate (150 dogs or more) there really won't be any time for such a discussion.

7. What should you not say to a judge during judging or at a show they are judging?

Anything having to do with a specific dog, whether yours or anyone else's dog! Again, if the judge wants to know anything about your breed (or even what breed with which you are involved) they will ask.

8. Is it proper to invite a judge to dinner?

That depends upon the situation. Judges will usually not accept an invitation to dine with anyone who is exhibiting at a show at which they are judging - or they will judge in the near future. Even if you are good friends, you should not invite a judge to dinner over a weekend at which the judge is officiating at a show in which you are exhibiting. Please remember that as far as AKC is concerned you have broken the 'rules' even if you are doing nothing 'wrong' if there is just an APPEARANCE of impropriety, no matter what your intentions are!

9. As a judge, how is the best way for an exhibitor, be it novice or seasoned, to interact with judges at a show?

Politely and with respect. Judges are humans, too, and if we are approached in anger, it is natural for the majority of them to get defensive. If you want to know why you placed where you did in the class (in other words, why you didn't win) most judges will not remember your dog specifically, unless it was in the last class they judged. I always tell exhibitors who approach me for my reasons for placing dogs in a class, that if they will get their dog and bring it back to me I will be more than happy to go over the dog and tell them virtues and faults. I may remember why I liked another dog better, but I may not. I tend to judge a class and forget it!

10. Do you have any other thoughts on this subject that I have not thought of?

- a) There is a wealth of information for anyone interested in the purebred dog and the American Kennel Club on the AKC website. A serious exhibitor should read the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows at LEAST once a year:
<http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/REJ999.pdf>
- b) They should also be conversant with the Regulations for Record Keeping on their own dogs: http://www.akc.org/rules/record_keeping.cfm

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- c) Plus, they should also know the "Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline"
<http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RREGS4.pdf>
- d) To keep up to date with any changes and what is going on with the inner workings of AKC, one should get in the habit of reading the monthly AKC Gazette, which is now online and at no cost to the reader. In the Gazette, the first pages to which you should turn should be the "Secretary's Page" which will let you know everything going on at AKC! http://www.akc.org/pubs/gazette/digital_edition.cfm
- e) For more insight in to what AKC expects from their judges, there is nothing stopping an exhibitor from reading the "Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges" which far better explains what is and is not expected from a judge:
<http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/REJ999.pdf>

I am always open to conversation about anything 'dog' and welcome correspondence and queries via email at jimanie@welshcorgi.com.

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Stephanie Seabrook Hedgepath – Lexington, SC
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Shepherd Dogs Pembroke Welsh Corgis.

Successfully Competed

Conformation with well over 30 Corgis Successfully in herding, obedience, tracking and agility and have garnered many championships and titles. Employed therapy dogs in hospitals and nursing homes. Many Corgis have found loving homes as beloved family companions. All of this has been accomplished with the production of only one or two litters per year. We truly do try to focus on quality and not on quantity.



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Family Business:



Animals evolved from a love of all things having to do with animals and an extensive collection of animal artifacts spanning more than thirty years. The company's founder, Stephanie Seabrook Hedgepath, is internationally known for her art and needlework designs.

Artist, Designer



I love to create and design. I especially love animals - all animals, not just dogs. I've been a serious student of animal anatomy and function for as long as I can remember

Dog Fancy

[Developmental Wings, Inc.](#)



Served on the board of directors for Wings, Inc., a group dedicated to providing horseback riding to handicapped children.

Active in Corgi Rescue
Serve on the advisory council to the Lexington County Animal Shelter

Animal Shelter.org
Helping people adopt pets since 2003

Club Involvement

President of the Palmetto Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club
Member of the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America
Member of the Columbia Kennel Club
Member of the Greater Columbia Obedience Club among others.

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1998 - AKC APPROVED JUDGE - involved in the dog fancy for over 30 years.

Herding Breeds/Herding Group-Sporting Breeds

Toy Group- Jr. Showmanship and Best in Show.

Judging assignment:

Throughout the United States  and throughout the world, Canada,  China, 
Australia,  England,  Jamaica,  Finland,  Ireland,  New Zealand, 
Norway,  the Philippines  and Sweden. 

National Specialties; Pembroke Welsh Corgis,
Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Australian Shepherd,
and the Welsh Corgi League in England
Bouvier des Flandres, Field Spaniel
Golden Retriever Foundation Top Twenty



Premier Show



THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB

dogs, my lifelong passion.

in the US and the Westminster Kennel Club. I continue to learn about dogs by studying breeds to add to my judging resume. I will never 'retire' from learning about

Thank you Ms. Hedgepath for taking this time to be interviewed.



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Supported Entry Puppy-Veterans Sweeps



Classification

10100- Puppy Dogs, 10900- 6 months & under 9 months 10100- Puppy Dogs, 11000- 9 months & under 12 months

10200- Junior Dogs, 11100- 12 months & under 18 months

(Same Classes for Bitches)

Prize Money

35% of the entry fee will be retained by the club for expenses. The remaining 65% will be divided by class as follows:

First - 40% Second - 30% Third - 20% Fourth - 10%

SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES

Best in Sweepstakes. Rosette & Engraved SP Tray.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes Rosette & Engraved SP Tray.

00100. VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Ms. Scarlett King

The Veteran Sweepstakes is open to all Coton de Tulear who are 7 years & over on the day of the show. Dogs entered in Veteran Sweepstakes do not have to be entered in a Regular Class. Veteran Sweepstakes will be judged prior to the Regular Classes. Indicate Veteran Sweepstakes and age division on the regular entry form under "Additional Classes".

Entry fee is \$34.00.

Classification

76000- Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, 27900- 8 years & under 9 years

76000- Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, 39300- 9 years & over

(Same Classes for Bitches)

Prize Money

35% of the entry fee will be retained by the club for expenses. The remaining 65% will be divided by class as follows: First - 40% Second - 30% Third - 20% Fourth - 10%

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes. Rosette & Engraved SP Tray.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes. Rosette & Engraved SP Tray.

BREED PRIZES

Best of Breed. Rosette & Engraved SP Item.

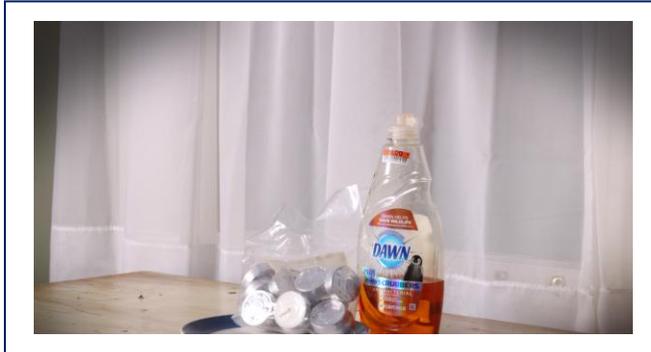
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Rosette & Engraved SP Item.

Winners Dog & Bitch. Rosette & Engraved SP Item.

First in Each Class. Rosette.

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How to Eliminate Fleas from Your Home for Free



1. After having your pet treated for fleas, you can eliminate fleas from your home easily, cheaply and safely.
2. Take regular dishes and set them on the floor approximately in the center of each affected room throughout the house. Usually one dish per room.



3. Fill each plate almost to the brim with water and then add a good squirt of dish washing liquid. Stir it up.



4. Next take one little tea candle and place it in the center of the plates. You should now have several plates filled almost to the brim with water and dish washing liquid sitting on the floor of each affected room with a small tea candle in each.



5. Now light the candles and find something to do while the light attracts the fleas. They will jump towards the light, become mired in the high viscosity of the soapy liquid and be trapped for easy disposal in the morning.



6. Do this for about 3 or 4 nights in a row and you will see many, many fleas in the water become none after only a few days.
7. If that still doesn't kill them all, you can use a cheap flea fogger. Make sure that they are IGR compliant (Insect Growth Regulator) as this ensures that the flea eggs do not mature into fully grown fleas.



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Calendar of Events

Puppy & Veterans Sweep Judges

Education – Nov. 14th, 2014

Oaks, PA.

Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Club

Annual Meeting- Dec. 12th, 2014

Orlando, FL.

Tentative date, time and place TBA

Officers Election

Slate published

Eukanuba Events - Dec 9th -14th

Judges Education _Coton de Tulear

November 14th, 2014 9:00 a.m.

Presenter: Eileen Boyer Narieka

Sponsoring Club:

Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Club, Oaks, Pa.

Seminar for AKC Judges only. Advanced reservations are appreciated, but not required. Room details will be published in the Judging Program for the Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Club Show

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