

RINGSIDE MENTOR PROGRAM

To all ESAA Approved Breed Mentors,

The AKC Ringside Observation program will be a way in which we can educate new judges about our breed, making sure that they receive the correct information to make them better judges when judging our English Setters. The list of breed Mentors has been sent to AKC.

Your job as a breed Mentor:

1. To be available at Specialties and large entry all-breed shows to sit with an observer and discuss the English Setter. Most judges will want to be mentored at the large entry all-breed shows, however, there will be some asking to be mentored at small entry shows if that is all that they are able to attend.

Mentors may participate only up to the class they are exhibiting in except at National or Regional Specialties where formal ringside mentoring is organized by the host club

2. To be a presenter at English Setter breed seminars to various judges groups. Our judges program is now in Power Point form, and can easily be given by any of you. We also still have the slide presentation where Power Point can not be used.

3. To be available at shows or for at home kennel visits so that a prospective judge can examine multiple dogs and see various stages of development in puppies and adolescents.

4. To educate by being positive and objective, concentrating on virtues rather than faults, as stated in the ESAA Breed Mentor Guidelines.

Materials:

1. AKC Ringside Observation form. (This can also be downloaded from the AKC website.)

2. Visualization of the English Setter

3. English Setter breed standard

4. Comparisons of the English, Irish & Gordon Setters

More Visualizations can be ordered when needed. There is one set of the other materials for you to make copies.