

# GERMAN PINSCHER CLUB of AMERICA

## *Guidelines*

### *Breed Mentors and or Presenters*



## GPCA JUDGES' EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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All presenters/mentors of the German Pinscher breed must agree in writing to present the breed by using only the materials provided by the official breed club duly recognized by AKC. All presentation material is approved by the GPCA board prior to use by presenters.

All presenters and mentors must agree in writing that while either presenting or mentoring the breed, they will not insert personal preferences and/or interpretations to the standard.

All PRESENTERS /MENTORS of the breed agree to the following:

1. New presenter/mentor applicants are required to take an anatomy course, offered by AKC or an affiliated parent club.

*There are such seminars all over the country on anatomy.  
See AKCs website for list of seminars in your area.*

- a. New mentors/presenters are required to present proof (including the date, location, and seminar presenter) of attending a seminar on *Dog Anatomy* (i.e.: Orlandi, Gilbert, etc.)
- b. Mentors/presenters must pass a test on anatomy based on the book: *Anatomy Review for Judges* (by Claudia Orlandi, PhD)
- c. The JEC (Judges Education Committee will review each applicant's test. This test is an open book test requiring a passing score of 100%.
- d. The test must be completed and the required proof of passing must be

**dated no more than two (2) years prior to applying for presenter status.**

- 2. Mentors/presenters must attend at least one dog seminar on movement and structure and provide proof of attendance, including: date, time, place, and name of person(s) or group presenting the seminar. This must be done no more than two (2) years prior to requesting presenter/mentor status.**
- 3. GPCA members who are currently AKC-approved judges are exempt from items #1 and #2. As part of the judging application process, AKC requires all applicants to attend and document seminars on movement *and* pass an anatomy test administrated by AKC.**

***Note:* New Provisional Judges after January 1, 2009, already meet the seminar and anatomy requirements. AKC requires all applicants who apply for provisional status to include this information on the official application form.**

- 4. Mentors/presenters must be a GPCA club member for a minimum of five (5) years and be a current GPCA member at the time of any mentoring and or a seminar presentation.**
- 5. Mentors/presenters must document a minimum of 12 years in breeding and exhibiting pure-bred dogs. At least five (5) of the 12 years must be breeding and exhibiting AKC German Pinschers. Documentation must include dates of exhibiting, breed(s), and Club membership.**
- 6. Mentors/presenters must have:**
  - a. Bred and raised five (5) or more litters on the applicant's premises in each breed.**
  - b. Bred four (4) or more champions in each breed (whether or not owned or handled by the applicant). AKC Champions must be from at least two (2) different litters.**
  - c. Litters and co-owned litters must have been whelped and raised on the applicant's premises.**
  - d. The required four (4) champions must be from litters whelped and raised on the applicant's premises.**
- 7. Mentors/presenters must attend at least four (4) GPCA National Specialty Shows.**

- 8. Mentors/presenters must attend at least one (1) GPCA National breed seminar prior to applying to be a mentor and or presenter. The potential mentor/presenter must assist an approved presenter in delivering a breed seminar at a National Specialty or an approved AKC seminar.**
- 9. Mentors/presenters agree to present a GPCA members' German Pinscher breed seminar at a National Specialty. This requirement must be completed prior to receiving final approval to become a mentor/presenter.**
- 10. Mentors/presenters agree to a critique by members on the current list of mentors/presenters. The purpose is to evaluate and provide feedback on the quality of the applicant's seminar presentation.**
- 11. The presenter must be able to photo copy the material needed for current handouts for all attendees. This expense is reimbursable.**
- 12. Transportation expenses to and from the seminar for mentors/presenters are the responsibility of the presenter.**
- 13. All approved presenters must agree in writing to use the GPCA Board-approved, current CD presentation disc, or transparencies made from the CD disc. The cost of making the transparencies and the projector rental are the responsibility of GPCA.**
- 14. A presenter/mentor agrees to be positive and appropriate during any presentation and or discussion.**
- 15. All approved presenters must agree in writing to the following:***
  - a. As a presenter/mentor, I agree not to inform the judges present at the seminar of my accomplishments in the show ring or in my breeding program. I will not discuss the merits or faults of any dogs in competition—past, present, or future.**
  - b. As a presenter of the German Pinscher, I will not fault judge the dogs that are present for the hands-on portion of the seminar or in any workshops available to the attendees.**

## PROVISIONS FOR EXPERIENCED BREEDERS FROM ANOTHER BREED

Experienced breeders in another breed (s) who have been documented as a mentor/presenter in those breed(s) may qualify as a mentor and or presenter in the German Pinscher breed. Such mentors and or presenters must adhere to the current GPCA requirements for mentoring and seminar presentations as previously stated.

### *Note:*

- Currently, GPCA does not have an LCD unit available for presenters' use. Many clubs and or Judges' organizations include this option in AKC-approved presentations. Additionally, AKC does not provide LCD units to Clubs either those sponsoring the seminars or those who are presenting the seminars.
- Overhead projectors are an alternative. The presenter must print transparencies prior to the presentation and either rent or own an overhead projector. Two people should be available when using transparencies. The seminar proceeds more efficiently when two (2) people, a presenter and an assistant, work in tandem.
- Options available to presenters:
  - Rent an LCD projector.
  - Rent an overhead projector.
  - Use a personal LCD or Overhead projector.
- A presenter must contact the current GPCA Treasurer for approval prior to contracting any rental equipment.

**Personal Comments:** *Many clubs that offer parent clubs the ability to present seminars do provide an LCD projector. Personally, I bought my own LCD projector just prior to the 2008 National so I could present the seminars at the National—renting a unit was cost-prohibitive for GPCA in NC, at the time. AKC states that Parent Clubs **must** provide/present a breed seminar at its annual National Specialty. Laura*