

Description/Duties of the JUDGES RESEARCH COMMITTEE

As stated in the GPCA Constitution/Bylaws, this committee shall always be subject to the final authority of the GPCA Board of Directors. The Board can appoint new members to the committee, appoint the chairman, and will approve members wishing to join this committee in the future.

Goal: To research judges nominated by the GPCA membership at large for the GPCA National Specialty and to assure they meet the club requirements.

Purpose: Research the judges nominated by the membership and compare the judge's qualifications against the criteria listed in the committee guidelines. Provide a list of at least 10 judges to judge our Specialty for 2 years ahead of the show date. The research process will be conducted yearly.

The committee duties are as follows:

1. Provide Judge's Specialty Nomination forms and the list of Judge's Criteria used by the Judge's Research Committee, yearly, to the GPCA Treasurer, to ensure that each GPCA member receives the above information with their annual GPCA dues notice. Members may nominate two judges.
2. The completed nomination forms will be sent, by the GPCA members, directly to the accountant who will then tally the nominations in ranked order per number of nominations from GPCA members. The results will be sent to the Committee Chair.
3. The Chair will send each committee member the list of the top 15 nominated judges and the total number of nominations that they each received from the GPCA membership. The committee members will then be tasked with researching the judge's, based on the established criteria. If a judge ranked in the top 15 is dropped for failure to meet the criteria, judge number 16 will also be compared by the committee members to compile a list of the 15 top nominated judges. Any judge not meeting the criteria will be dropped from the roster.
4. Any ties on the top 15 will be broken by vote of the Judge's Research Committee members.

Criteria for Nominations of the GPCA National Specialty Judge by GPCA Members
(To be included with the nomination form for all GPCA members with their annual dues notice.)

1. No judges who are provisional for German Pinschers shall be selected.
2. No judges who have judged the GPCA Specialty in the past 5 years shall be selected.
3. A Working Group judge is preferred.
4. A Best in Show judge is preferred.
5. A judge who has completed a large selection of German Pinscher assignments is preferred.
6. Do not suggest a judge just because he or she liked your dog.
7. Do not dismiss a judge just because he or she didn't like your dog.
8. Look for judges with a strong working dog background.

9. Avoid judges that do only a few breeds since they are hard to get on a Kennel Club's judging panel.

10. The more breeds the judge can do, the easier for the Kennel Club to work with the preferences of the GPCA.

Committee chairs must submit a quarterly report each quarter for publication in the Pinscher Press. The current deadlines are: March 10, June 10, September 10 and December 10. If no committee action has occurred during a quarter that should also be reported. The yearly report required for the annual membership meeting will count as one of the quarterly reports.

By the authority of the GPCA Constitution/Bylaws, any committee member who does not follow these guidelines may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint a successor for the person whose service has been terminated.

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