GUIDELINES FOR MENTORING

Do’s!

* Use breed-specific terminology from the breed standard

* Relate physical characteristics to functionality when applicable

* Prioritize characteristics as they are referenced and stated in the standard

* Judges are not building a breeding program – they are evaluating breeding stock!

  Information should be targeted toward a 2 min ring evaluation

* Discuss any temperament traits and tendencies that may affect ring performance and/or examination
MENTORING
Don’ts!

- **NEVER** discuss personal preferences or make inappropriate comments about individual dogs!
- Do not make statements that are counter to what is stated in the standard. Stay away from personal biases.
- Do not dwell on generic faults – they are obvious.
- Do not refer to different “types” – there may be variation among styles, however there is only one correct type.