MENTOR REQUIREMENTS AND FUNCTION

The IGCA Approved Breed Mentor Program is an integral part of the Judge's Education Program. The mentor team is composed of those members who are able to articulate the IG standard and understand a judge's perspective while maintaining an objective point of view. The following is a description of IGCA club-approved mentor requirements:

Minimum Requirements to apply:

- A current IGCA club member in good standing.
- A breeder and owner handler/exhibitor of IGs for a minimum of eight years.
- Bred four champions from one or more litters.
- Knowledge of and significant background in IGs.
- Participate in at least one private one-on-one ringside mentor training session with an IGCA Judges Education committee member, within two years prior to submitting the IGCA Approved Breed Mentor application, conducted at a show with a major point entry. Contact the current IGCA Judges Education Coordinator for additional details.
- Attendance of at least one National Specialty IGCA Judge's Education seminar.
- Attendance of at least one IGCA Approved Breed Mentor ZOOM meeting or an in-person Mentor Meeting held in conjunction with a National or Regional Specialty within the last 24 months.
- Good communication skills.

IGCA Approved Breed Mentor expectations:

- Adherence to all IGCA club rules and Code of Conduct in all areas of conduct and breeding practices and has demonstrated the ability to be a positive and productive ambassador of our breed.
- Knowledgeable and respectful at all times of the current AKC approved IG breed standard.
- Mentoring sessions conducted in a fair and impartial manner with restraint from promoting individual breeding programs and/or promotion of individual dogs or bias toward other breeding programs.
- Various styles exist in the breed and would be appropriate to discuss, however, must be presented in an unbiased and educational form.
- Participation and attendance in at least one scheduled Approved Breed Mentor ZOOM meeting every calendar year in order to maintain IGCA approved mentor status. Exception: IGCA club member mentors that are AKC approved Italian Greyhound judges are not required to attend the Approved Breed Mentor ZOOM meetings, however are encouraged to attend when possible.
- Participation with IGCA Specialty Judge's Education ringside mentoring sessions, seminars and workshops when available.
- Provide dogs for IGCA approved seminars and workshops whenever available and necessary.
- Approved IGCA Mentors are encouraged to attend IGCA Judge's Education seminars whenever possible.
- You will be required to join the IGCA Mentors IO Group for communication and correspondence.

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