

Dear Club Members & Exhibitors,

On behalf of the Canadian Dog Judges Association, I would like to take this opportunity to share information about our organization. Currently the CDJA membership includes about 85% of CKC judges. Much of our mandate is dedicated to Judges' Education. You may already be aware of the Regional Study Groups that exist across the country. Members of your club may have done presentations for these groups.

Each year, at the beginning of November, the CDJA joins forces with the CKC to host a jointly sponsored conference that includes a major international keynote speaker. In addition, there are interactive, on-line seminars throughout the year that feature well-known international breed authorities.

The CDJA would like to encourage you to avail yourselves of our resources. If your club is hosting an educational event, please let our Education Event Co-Ordinator know, so that we can notify all our members as well as posting the information on our website.

We would encourage clubs to set up ringside mentoring. Judges education should be a lifelong process and to further this, we need the help of dedicated breeders, knowledgeable exhibitors and both All-Breed and Specialty Clubs. Please contact us if you need help in setting up a programme.

Please visit our website. <http://www.dogjudge.com>. There you will find a listing of all our members. The listing is sorted both alphabetically and by groups judged. It includes judges on Permit. Each judge's profile includes a picture, qualifications, breeds exhibited and bred, places judged and whether he/she is willing to do an educational presentation.

Please feel free to send us the following information, well in advance of your event:

- a) date, time, location and contact information of breed seminars and other educational opportunities given by your club members**
- b) date, time, location and contact information of any National or Regional Specialties**
- c) date, time, location and contact information of any ringside mentoring**
- d) sources of breed specific information such as illustrated standards and breed standard interpretations**

**Please direct all information and inquiries to the Education Event Co-Ordinator of CDJA.
Pam Bruce <gotgame@rogers.com>**

A current listing of the entire executive can be found on the website.

**Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely yours,
Thora Brown, President**

