

EDITORIAL: ON HIRING JUDGES

JUDGE SELECTION PROCESS FOR ARBA CONVENTIONS

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ings. What people don't think about is that every club hires judges, many hire multiple judges, all for the same date and time. When judges make a bid, they also don't know what the location will be, and transport and housing costs are on them. We have a judge next year that was asked 12 years ago to judge us.

We also keep spots open for the new judges that have been in our breed, have a great knowledge of our breed, and want to judge for us. These are usually easy to hire as they can't accept shows until they receive their license.

Any new judges can be added to the list during the year by having three members who have shown under the new judge send me a recommendation. We will have new judge lists this year at the convention in Reno, and publish it in the Fluff again after convention.

All of this process is open to discussion and change. If you have a comment or idea please let me know.

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 I have recently been asked to explain how we compile our list and hire the judges for ARBA Conventions. We get to send the host club a list of the judges we have contacted, sometimes years ahead, for their consideration. It is not a guarantee that we get the judges we've requested; the judges are then hired by the host club. Because it's an honor to be asked to judge at the ARBA, the judges are paid by the number of the animals they judge. They get no transportation paid. The NJWRC also gives them a small additional check as a thank you.

Over the years, we have taken the current ARBA judges list and asked the membership to vote on judges they "want" and judges they "don't want" (with a valid for not wanting them). Both Open and Youth members are asked to cast these votes! We want as much input as we can get. From this list, I then send out emails to the suggested judges, and wait for their response back. On the email I ask the years they might be available to judge our breed. Some don't respond, some are not taking any further dates. From the ones that do respond, I fit them in to the years for which we have open-

