Finnish Lapphund Judge’s Education/Mentoring Requirements

Being a mentor is a vital component to further prospective judges’ knowledge of the Finnish Lapphund. Mentors are responsible for informing interested judges about the AKC breed standard in hopes of educating and enlightening them in an informal one-on-one setting. It is important to provide this information without prejudice or personal gain.

To provide judges with a well-rounded, knowledgeable mentor, applicants are REQUIRED to meet the following items:

**Required (Items 1 and 2):**

1. Must be a FLCA member in good standing, for at least 3 years. Also, must be in good standing with AKC. Any mentor found to not be in good standing (with either AKC or FLCA) would be removed from mentoring program. Note: Canadian supporting members who otherwise meet the criteria, could also be approved.

2. Has owned one or more AKC registered Finnish Lapphunds for at least 5 years.

**Required (Items 3 OR 4):**

3. Has attended and/or participated in at least one designated FLCA Specialty/supported entry show.

4. Has attended and/or participated in at least one FLCA approved Judge’s Education seminar.

**Required, ONE of the three following items:**

5. Has bred 3 or more AKC (or CKC) registered litters of Finnish Lapphunds AND has produced from their bred litters, or personally owned/shown a combination of 5 Finnish Lapphunds to their AKC Championship.

6. Has at least 10 years’ experience breeding/exhibiting another breed AND has bred at least 6 AKC Champions in that breed.

7. Is an AKC fully licensed (not provisional) judge for Finnish Lapphunds, AND has judged an entry of at least 5 Finnish Lapphunds, on two occasions.

~The JEC committee will review applicants, and approve or disapprove. Applicants that are declined will be provided with information on how they can improve their qualifications.