



SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES ASSOCIATION, INC.
MEMBERS QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS
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ALL INFORMATION WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND USED ONLY TO COMPILE TOTAL FIGURES AND PERCENTAGES.

- 98% No 1. Do you believe the AKC Reps are qualified to pass judgment on all the breeds they are passing judgment on?
- 77% Yes 2. Do you believe the AKC Reps have too great a voice in the judges approval process for additional breeds?
- 96% Yes 3. When a complaint of any nature is made on a judge at a show to an AKC Rep or club official, do you believe it should be made in writing on a form and signed by the individual making the complaint? (A copy to be furnished the judge on the day.)
4. How would you rate the overall performance of the AKC in its relationship with its judges?
- Excellent <1% Good 19% Good-Fair <1% Fair 44% Fair-Poor 2%
Poor 21% Very Poor 13%
- 67% Yes 5. For judges with 1/2 Group or more, has the AKC's judges approval process inhibited you from applying for additional breeds?
- 99+% Yes 6. Do you agree with the majority of positions the SCJA has taken on behalf of our members?
- 95% Yes 7. In particular, do you agree with the SCJA's position that the entire judges approval process has had band-aids applied to it for the past several years and now needs major surgery, i.e. it should be completely overhauled?
- 91% Yes 8. Do you believe that a system should be initiated that allows an individual meeting initial requirements to be approved for one Group in less time than it takes to become a surgeon or an astronaut?
- 99+% Yes 9. Do you believe judges should be told the specific reasons why they are not granted additional breeds in order that they know how to correct their reported deficiencies?
- We were assured by Dennis Sprung, then VP for Dog Events, in his February 24, 1997 letter that and we quote, "At no time, however, does a Field Representative 'challenge' the judge's decision."
- 53% Yes 10. Has an AKC Rep ever questioned your placements?
- 46% Yes 11. Have you ever been turned down for your request for approval of any additional breed(s)?

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54% Yes 12. Have you ever had an experience with an AKC Rep in which you felt their interaction with you was conducted in a less-than-professional manner?

25% Yes 13. Have you ever had an experience, written or verbal, with the AKC Judges Department that you thought was not conducted in a professional manner? The fact that you did not receive the answer you desired should have no bearing on your response.

14. Do you believe the interaction between the judges and the AKC Judges Department has, in the past two years:

Improved 5% Has Deteriorated 41% Remained About the Same 54%

15. There has been much talk about reduced income from registrations, money AKC spends educating judges and the need for the \$25 per breed fee for judges. Most recently, AKC's Chairman expressed his concern about the gap between income and expenses of the Event Department which obviously hints at the needs for increased fees. With the thought of economizing, a dog publication suggested perhaps the time has come when AKC should take a look at executives' salaries and the very generous retirement plans. Please check below what you believe the President of the AKC's salary is:

\$100,000 to \$150,000 13% \$150,000 to \$250,000 44%

\$250,00 to \$350,000 21% \$350,000 to \$450,000 12%

Half a million dollars 10% (from official reports)

84% No 16. Do you have any positive statements concerning any phase of AKC's judges approval process? If so, we encourage you to forward them and return them in the self-addressed enclosed envelope.

17. Please furnish 3 words which best describe your thoughts on AKC's position that the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (free speech) does not apply to AKC judges.

There were numerous words submitted in answer to this question – below are just three of the ones used most:

UNCONSTITUTIONAL

UNBELIEVABLE

ILLEGAL

70% Yes 18. FOR AKC DELEGATES JUDGING A GROUP. Would you be willing to ask the show-giving clubs to make a donation in your name to the American Canine Education Foundation (ACEF), an approved IRS tax-exempt 501(c)(3) corporation, as permitted by AKC policy?