



# BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA, Inc.

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## Breed Education Committee Presenter/Tutor Program

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### PURPOSE:

- To provide knowledgeable and capable presenters and tutors to execute the BEC educational programs:
- Presenters – to give BEC presentations at BCA National and Regional specialties and at seminars/workshops by independent judges organizations or kennel clubs.
- Tutors – to act as ringside tutors for conformation judges and aspiring judges.

### DESCRIPTION:

- Number – There will be an indefinite number of presenters and tutors. It is desired that representation be as broad as possible in order to meet the need for BCA education seminars across the country.
- Resources and materials – Presenters and tutors need to be thoroughly familiar with the BEC resources and materials available to them, and agree to use the applicable materials as to meet the needs of their audience.
- Applications – Interested parties should submit an application to the BEC Coordinator who will review them and forward them to the rest of the BEC for review and approval. It will be the responsibility of that committee to verify that the presenters and tutors meet the minimum criteria for participation, are trained in the use of materials available through the BEC, receive assignments and/or continuing education opportunities to keep up their skills, and are evaluated in the presentation of their assigned projects. Presenters and tutors who repeatedly fail to meet the expectations set forth by the BEC or do not regularly maintain continuing education are subject to removal from the program by a majority vote of the BEC.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have 15 or more years of conformation involvement in Briards. However long the involvement, all other criteria must be met; it is understood that time does not always bring knowledge.
- Must be a BCA member with 10 years minimum of BCA membership.
- Thorough knowledge of the AKC Briard standard, including the ability to answer, in a clear and correct way, all questions that may be asked.
- Must be comfortable speaking before an audience; tutors need to feel comfortable with one-on-one discussions and be responsive to the individual's needs.
- Thorough knowledge of canine anatomy and physiology and how this is applied.
- Must be able to speak coherently and describe characteristics in specific terms using a positive style and using correct canine terminology.
- Knowledge of Briard history.



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- Attended at least eight Briard National specialties in order to see dogs from all over the country and observed the conformation judging of all classes.
- Finished AKC Championship on five Briards that you either owned or bred.
- Agreement to use only BCA materials as prepared by the BCA Breed Education Committee.
- Must have personally bred, whelped and raised on premises at least two Briard litters. (Exceptions to this qualification may be made for Briard Breeder/Judges with 10 years AKC Briard judging approval.)
- Must be able to set aside personal preferences such as color and ear treatment to objectively evaluate dogs of various styles and backgrounds within the parameters of the breed standard.
- Agree to conduct oneself ethically.
- Must attend a seminar presented by an approved BEC presenter prior to taking presenter-tutor tests.
- Ability to pass a closed book test on both the AKC Briard standard/history and on canine anatomy. (90% score required for each part) proctored by a BEC member or designated presenter/tutor. If you do not pass, you must wait six months to retake the test.
- Ability to pass a hands-on evaluation of several dogs. Pass-fail grading by three BEC members or designated presenter/tutors. If you do not pass, you must wait six months to retake the test. (*Pending board approval*)
- Attend a training session for presenters/tutors.
- Presenters must have the willingness to assemble a small group of Briards, both dogs and bitches, which represent a variety of acceptable styles, ages, colors and ear types for prospective judges to evaluate and discuss. These dogs should come from a variety of backgrounds to represent a broad picture of the breed as a whole. Champions who are being campaigned will not be part of such discussion groups. The identity of all dogs, owners, and handlers will remain anonymous, including any information on the wins or accomplishments.
- Must follow-up on all questions from any participant who needs more specific information by referring him/her to the BEC Coordinator.
- Must complete required BEC forms for each presentation or tutor session.
- It is desirable, but not required, that presenters and tutors have a working knowledge of herding and of other herding breeds.
- Must be willing to sign the Presenter/Tutor Application.
- Must be willing to regularly maintain their training through continuing education and recertification testing. (See Continuing Education Program)