Breed Education Presenter/Tutor Program
(revised June 2019 BEC/BOD)

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, aspiring judges, and BCA members.

Description
• Number – There will be an indefinite number of presenter/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 – Presenter/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 Chair/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 presenter/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. Presenter/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 and/or the Board of Directors of the BCA. A Presenter/Tutor who has been removed from the program may reapply to be a P/T after 36 months from the date the notice of removal was received.

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.
• Must have 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.
• Must have thorough knowledge of canine anatomy and physiology and how this is applied.
• Must be able to speak coherently and describe characteristics in breed standard specific terms using a positive style and correct canine terminology.
• Must have knowledge of Briard history.
• Must have 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.
• Must have finished AKC Championship on five Briards that you either owned or bred.
• Must agree 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 Judges with 10 years AKC Briard judging approval.)
• Must be able to set aside personal preferences such as color and ear treatment etc... to objectively evaluate dogs of various styles and backgrounds within the parameters of the AKC approved breed standard.
• Must agree to conduct oneself ethically.
• Must attend a seminar presented by an approved BEC presenter prior to taking presenter-tutor tests.
• Must pass a closed book test on both the AKC approved 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.
• An applicant who incorrectly or incompletely answers any question on any disqualification as appears in the AKC approved standard for the Briard will not pass the test, no matter what test score is achieved. The applicant must retake the exam after the six months waiting period.
• Must 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.
• Must attend a training session for presenter/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/Chair.
• Must complete required BEC forms for each presentation or tutor session.
• It is desirable, but not required, that presenter/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 re-certification testing. (See Continuing Education Program)
NOTE: Since presenter/tutors are representing the BCA and the AKC approved Briard standard, when interacting with judges it is of major importance that presenter/tutors be seen as unbiased. Presenter/tutors must set aside personal preferences and opinions in all their interactions with judges and prospective judges. A presenter/tutor should NOT seek a conversation with the judge after observing the judging of Briards to give the judge feedback. Should the judge seek a conversation with a presenter/tutor regarding his/her judging, the conversation should be limited to hands-on procedures and to answering questions the judge may ask. It is considered unethical for presenter/tutors to communicate to the judge, criticism of the judges placements or how they judged the breed incorrectly.