

American Rottweiler Club Mentor Policy

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What is a Mentor?

A mentor is a person that has breed knowledge acquired by years in the breed long enough to have established a reputation. They must have been breeding their own line for at least three generations to know the genetic weaknesses in the breed. Their dogs should not only excel in the show ring, but should have done some work in whatever field for which the breed was created. A JE Mentor will attend shows (many times without an entry) and assist to train the eye of judge applicants through the AKC Ringside Observation Program.

Mentor Criteria

A Mentor must be a member in good standing with the American Rottweiler Club. Mentors must be available to allocate the time, be comfortable speaking one-on-one or in groups ringside evaluating dogs with judge applicants. Mentors receive no reimbursement from the ARC. A list of ARC Approved Mentors, by state, is available from the Judges Education Coordinator and submitted to AKC for issuance to seminar attendees. If a Mentor's ARC membership should lapse, the Mentor will be removed from the list.

A Mentor must meet the following criteria:

Be an AKC licensed judge, with the Rottweiler as first breed

OR

Been involved in the breed for a minimum of 12 years experience breeding, handling, exhibiting in conformation and performance events AND have met at least 25% of the requirements under the AKC "12-5-4" Method for becoming an AKC licensed Rottweiler judge.

OR

Been involved in the breed for a minimum of 15 years experience breeding, handling, exhibiting in conformation and performance events AND have met at least 1 of the 4 required components under the AKC "New Breed Alternate Method" for becoming an AKC licensed Rottweiler judge.

AND

Have attended at least one Mentor/Presenter Training Session and the Judges Education Seminar at the ARC National Specialty.

Note: Requirements for both Methods may be found at www.akc.org/pdfs/rjl003.pdf

In order to remain on the ARC Mentor's list, a mentor must attend the Mentor/Presenter Training Session and the Judges Education Seminar at the ARC National Specialty at least once in every 5 years. Also, if a mentor's ARC membership should lapse, the mentor will be removed from the list.

Guidelines for Mentors

- This is training for judges at ringside. A collegiate atmosphere of tutoring is required.
- Stick to the approved standard without personal preferences.
- Use only positive aspects of dogs during discussions. AKC encourages trainers NOT to discuss any aspect of a dog's failure to comply with the standard. Try to point out a dog with correct aspects, if one is in the ring.
- Refrain from discussing pedigrees, wins, or show records, registered names, titles or boasting of a dog's capabilities. A competent judge has had enough dogs stuffed under their nose as "the mentor's perfect dog". This will only lend to invalidating anything you teach.
- Do not use profanity. You are a representative of the American Rottweiler Club.
- If a judge asks if there is too much of this or that on a dog, please try to be patient and point out a better this or that on another animal, decline to comment on traits you don't like in that dog, or just be kind in how you indicate that the dog may be lacking adherence to the standard.