



Letter of Agreement

American Maltese Club of America Judges Education Ringside Mentoring

Judges Education Chairpersons

Sandy Bingham-Porter
3002 Oakwood Dr
Charleston, IL 61920
sbinghamporter@eiu.edu

Pamala Armstrong
2240 South 308th St.
Federal Way, WA 98003
hilite1@earthlink.net

Date: _____

Return to: American Maltese Association, Judges Education Chair

I hereby agree to the following terms to be added as an addendum to my AMA ringside mentoring application:

- 1) I agree to attend an AMA Judges Education seminar once every five years.
- 2) I agree to teach the information presented by the Judges Education Committee of the American Maltese Association to the best of my ability without bias or personal agenda and when I am ringside mentoring, tutoring, or otherwise teaching potential judges about the Maltese. I understand that any reports of negative or contradictory information may have me removed from the mentoring list of the American Maltese Association.

I agree with the other requirements found on the application and will comply.

Respectfully,

Mentor's Signature of agreement

Date

Printed name



Maltese Breed Mentor and Seminar **Presenter Application**

The American Maltese Club of America welcomes qualifying members to apply to be a breed mentor and/or a Seminar presenter.

The Judges education attendees are there to learn, which should enable them to be qualified judges of our extraordinary breed. The Mentor/Presenter is there to share valuable experience and knowledge of our breed and information in applying the Maltese Standard.

Presenters

Present AMA Judges Education Seminars at AMA specialty shows, seminars, and workshops.

Mentors

Supply ringside mentoring, tutoring, and kennel visits to prospective conformation judges.

Application Process

Submit the application to the Judges Education Chair with all required documentation. Upon JE approval, the Judges Education Chair will submit the applicant to the AMA Board for review. The board makes the final decision by a simple majority vote. An applicant who is denied may re-apply after 1 year.

Presenters and Mentors will be evaluated in the presentation of their assigned projects. Presenters and Mentors who repeatedly do not meet the expectations of the AMA are subject to removal from the program by a majority vote of the AMA board.

Duties

- a) Presenters must comfortably articulate the AKC Maltese breed standard, the breed history, and how to evaluate Maltese against the breed standard in front of a live audience.
- b) Mentors need to feel comfortable with one-on-one discussions and dealing with the individual's needs.
- c) All answers should be consistent with what is in the approved and written standard. Find and use the **positive** description of an exhibit when mentoring ringside.
- d) Speak coherently and describe characteristics in specific terms using correct canine terminology.
- e) Conduct oneself by AKC Sportsmanship guidelines.
- f) Only use approved AMA and AKC materials.
- g) Well-versed in commonly used vocabulary to describe canine anatomy and structure.
- h) Refrain from inserting personal preferences i.e., size, pedigree, style, etc.

- i) Presenters will assemble a group of Maltese, if possible, use both sexes that are a variety of ages. **DO NOT** use identifiable information about dogs, owners of dogs, and handlers.
- j) Respond to all requests promptly.
- k) A mentor may **NOT** show to a judge for 4 months following any mentoring sessions.

Qualifications

To qualify for consideration as an American Maltese Club of America (AMA) approved breed mentor and/or seminar presenter, the prospective applicant must meet the following criteria:

- a) Be in good standing with the AKC for the previous 10 years with no lapse due to suspension.
- b) AMA **Full** member in good standing and continuous membership for the previous 10 years.
- c) Personally exhibited 1 Maltese to their championship earning all points and majors.
- d) Exhibited Maltese in conformation for at least 5 years, with dogs shown for at least 50 shows.
- e) Bred 5 litters and produced 3 champions from those litters.
- f) Attended 3 AMA national specialties within the past 6 years.
- g) Attended 2 AMA judges education seminars within the past 5 years.
- h) Pass the AKC Canine College Maltese Breed exam.
- i) Pass the AKC Canine College ABC's of Canine Anatomy course and exam.
- j) Signed Application, Code of Conduct and Consent.
- k) Must be a Breed Mentor to apply as Seminar Presenter.

Approved AKC Maltese breed judge status and/or JE Committee invitation may supersede application process.

Mentor/Presenter - Ways to Assist

1. Submit announcement form to list seminar on AKC website. This goes to AKC Judges Ed.
2. Post announcement in the appropriate AKC Judges Ed Facebook groups with time, date and location.
3. Respond to any inquiries about the seminar.
4. Maintain a list of attendees along with their cell number and email address.
5. Two weeks prior to seminar, post reminders on Facebook posts.
6. Day before the seminar, send an email reminder to attendees and include your cell number in case judges get delayed.

Coordination

1. Work with show chair to secure a location for the seminar.
2. Ensure the location will have a table/chairs and electrical plugs.
3. Ensure the room is large enough for the audience and/or dogs to move for the workshop. This includes a side gait and down and back.

4. Pack materials:
 - a. Create armbands lettered A, B, C, D, etc. with rubber bands for the hands-on section.
 - b. All documents to be given to judges need to be printed.
 - c. Bring extra copies.
 - d. Bring copies of all required AKC forms.
 - e. Send receipt for printing to treasurer for reimbursement.
 - f. Bring or arrange to use laptop and/or projector if needed.
 - g. Pack grooming tables if needed.
5. Coordinate which dogs and handlers will be available for hands-on section of seminar.
 - a. Remind hands on participants of their role to exhibit their dog and not to speak to the judges.
 - b. Day of seminar, send email and text to hands-on participants with approximate time and location.
 - c. It is helpful to have someone coordinate getting the handlers assembled and getting them ushered in the room.
6. Administrative tasks
 - a. Make sure all attendees have signed in and that their AKC paperwork is complete and legible. This includes the sign in sheet, their feedback sheet, and their hands-on forms.

Ringside mentoring

1. Ensure chairs are set up in a roped off section for mentors only.
2. Find mentors for the mentees.
3. Ensure that all mentees have completed the judges' paperwork properly.
4. **DO NOT** sign any ring side mentoring forms unless they are filled out by the mentored judge.

Post event

1. Check that all forms are legible and complete. Send a digital copy of forms to AKC judges' education and CC the AMA Judges Education chairs for their records.

Breed Mentor/Presenter Application



Applying for:

Breed Mentor _____

Seminar Presenter (approved Breed Mentor) _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

What year did you join the AMA? _____

What year did you begin exhibiting a Maltese in AKC Conformation? _____

How many Maltese litters have you bred and raised in your house? _____

How many Maltese Champions have you produced? _____

List Champions personally finished: _____

Name of Champions you have Produced out of 5 litters:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Number of Maltese National specialties attended in the last 5 years? _____

Years attended: _____

Number of Maltese Breed Seminars attended in the last 5 years? List year & location

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

List Presenter and Years of seminar attendance (if assisted):

1. _____
2. _____

List who you have mentored on behalf of an AKC breed mentor:

1. _____
2. _____

Good Standing with AKC _____

Good Standing with the AMA _____

Attach proof of passing the AKC Maltese Judge exam. Date: _____

Attach proof of passing the ABC's of Canine Anatomy. Date: _____

If approved to mentor and/or present, the AMA will reimburse AKC Maltese exam fees.

I understand and consent that by being accepted as a Mentor/Presenter I agree to participate and that I will be removed at any time for lack of active participation, fail to meet AMA expectations, violating the Code of Conduct, or failing to meet AMA mentor/presenter guidelines.

Signature _____ **Date:** _____