

CCRCA Ringside Breed Mentor Guidelines

The CCRCA Board of Directors has approved the following guidelines for the AKC's Ringside Mentoring Program. Any CCRCA member who would like to become a CCRCA approved ringside mentor for potential judges under the AKC Ringside Mentoring Program are invited to submit an application to the Judges Education Committee under the guidelines listed below.

Each individual must submit a separate signed application. Application should be submitted in a narrative/resume format, providing all documentation and information necessary, and responding to each of the listed guidelines.

Please mail your completed and signed narrative to:
Carol Kail
1453 West Maple Court
Ontario, CA 91762

Please note that emailed applications will not be accepted as original signature is required.

Mentor Qualifications are:

1. Individual must have a minimum of 12 years breeding, exhibiting, or judging the Curly-Coated Retriever in conformation events.
2. Individual must have bred at least four conformation Curly-Coated Retriever champions or finished at least 4 conformation champions in the Curly-Coated Retriever breed while these Curly-Coated Retriever's were owned and living with them.
3. Individual must be, and have been, a member of the CCRCA for at least the last 10 years. Individuals must be a member in good standing with the CCRCA
4. Individual must never have received any CCRCA or AKC sanctions.
5. There will be NO ringside mentoring allowed on any day that the mentor is exhibiting a Curly-Coated Retriever in the conformation ring except at a Regional Specialty where more than 60 Curly-Coated Retrievers are entered. Relationship of the mentor to any dogs in the ring that the mentor has owned, co-owned or bred in the past must be disclosed.
6. Individual must have attended at least two National Specialties outside of the mentor's own division and have attended at least two National Specialties within the mentor's own division. Individual must have attended a CCRCA Working Certificate Test.

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7. Individual must have read the Curly-Coated Retriever Breed Standard at least twice in the last year and be prepared ringside with a copy of the Curly-Coated Retriever standard for all ringside mentoring.
8. Any Individual with specific Curly-Coated Retriever breed knowledge encompassing a long period of time with heavy field activity may submit a Curly-Coated Retriever breed- specific resume to be considered by the committee as a breed mentor as long that individual has met all other criteria other than item number 2 and think that he or she would make a good ringside mentor.
9. Each individual will submit a written statement on why they believe that they are qualified to be good ringside mentor for Curly-Coated Retrievers.
10. All ringside mentors must agree to abide by the highest standards of ethics and sportsmanship. All ringside mentors must agree to be prepared to answer specific questions from these potential judges regarding dog anatomy, movement, and overall breed-specific criteria rather than launch into a monologue about a specific CCR's conformation traits. Ringside mentors must mentor with the long-term future of the Curly-Coated Retriever Breed foremost in their discussions with the potential judges.
11. All mentors must swear or affirm that all statements on their application are true and honest, and they agree to be removed as a mentor if any information comes to light that they have lied in any way in any of their statements on the application.
12. All costs of ringside mentoring will be paid by the mentor.

The approval process for each applicant to become a CCRCA approved Ringside Mentor will be as follows:

1. Applicant submits an application/resume addressing each of the points listed in the guidelines above to the Judges Education Committee addressed to:
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2. The CCRCA Judges Education Committee will vote on the application/resume that is submitted by the applicant to become a CCRCA Approved Ringside Mentor under the AKC Ringside Mentoring Program.
3. If the committee votes for approval, the applicant will be given a certificate of mentorship for the AKC Ringside Mentoring Program issued by the Judges Education Committee and their name sent to the AKC to be listed as a CCRCA Approved Mentor. And applicants name and address will be published in the Curly Commentator.
4. If objections are filed with the Judges Education Committee, the Committee will reassess the application and if the Committee still approves the application, the name and address of the mentor applicant will be sent to the CCRCA Board for approval or disapproval. If the CCRCA Board votes for approval, the mentor will be issued a certificate of mentorship and their name included in the AKC list of CCRCA Approved Mentors. If the CCRCA Board decides to reject the application, the Board vote will be considered final. And the mentor applicant will not be eligible to re-apply for at least one year.