

STAFFORD CANARY CLUB OF AMERICA

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGE CERTIFICATION

A club member applicant with experience in breeding and exhibiting Staffords shall contact the SCCA President to arrange for testing at the annual show or a show chosen by the President. The President shall maintain a file of pertinent information for each applicant which may include:

- a. written test results
- b. ability to classify six birds correctly using the Stafford classifications
- c. comparison judge at least three crested and three non-crested birds using the Stafford Standard and explain reasons for show scores.
- d. two apprentice judging assignments, each under different judges

The President shall arrange for the testing and the examiner shall provide a written report for the file of test score, accuracy of classifications and the comparison judging results. When all items have been satisfactorily completed the President notifies the applicant and arranges for the next step to be completed.

The applicant is to apprentice judge at least thirty exhibits at two shows, each with a different judge. If any show prohibits apprentice judging during the regular show this exercise may be carried out following the regular judging (using the show birds) with permission of show management. Supervising judges are to submit a written report to the President as to their assessment of the knowledge level of the applicant. The President will notify the applicant of the outcome.

To add a new judge or remove an existing judge from the official list of Stafford Judges the President shall bring the matter before the Executive Board. After review of the file the vote of the Executive Board shall decide the matter. The President is to notify the individual of the outcome.

Judges are expected to maintain membership in SCCA and maintain active involvement with the breed. If the judge fails to maintain membership and active involvement in the breed action may be taken by the Executive Board to remove said judge.