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BULL TERRIER SPECIALISATION

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STUDY CONTENT

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1. BREED ASSIGNMENT

The Specialisation Course of the KUSA Breed Judges' Learning Programme requires you to prepare a Breed Assignment in preparation for the actual task of evaluating Breed Type and making value decisions, as well as in preparation for the examination.

You will need to research and prepare the following four essays:

1. THE BACKGROUND OF THE BULL TERRIER: *An historic outline of the development of the Bull Terrier:*
    a. *Mention the Breeds that were used in the development of the Bull Terrier and outline the qualities and problems each Breed brought to the mix.*
    b. *Explain the three resulting sub-types in this development, and describe the characteristics they present.*
    c. *Considering these sub-types, decide on the ideal and explain your rationale.*
2. THE BULL TERRIER'S HEADPIECE: *The head is undeniably a key feature of the Bull Terrier. Write an essay explaining to a Learner Judge how to examine a Bull Terrier's head – what to look for and how to examine the headpiece. Take care to balance virtues with faults.*
3. THE TOTAL PACKAGE: *A description of the dog as a whole as you look at it from all angles. Define the virtues that make an outstanding specimen of the Breed.*
4. THE BULL TERRIER ON THE MOVE: *Describe what you, as judge will look for when evaluating the Bull Terrier in action – in profile, going away, and coming towards you.*

The inclusion of illustrations or photographs, in your essays, is permitted as long as you provide sources in your bibliography.

Guidelines

You will be expected to write an essay on each of these topics as if it were an article you are writing for a magazine. The length is about 500 words (not longer than about 800).

You probably have access to many, many resource materials and don't be shy to use the internet for further information – just make sure the source is reliable. As you read these resources, make notes of key concepts and compare the facts you find from different sources. When you have your rough notes, arrange the key points into a logical structure and order, then start writing the essay in YOUR OWN WORDS. Never, ever copy word for word from another source. Remember when our school teachers advised us to avoid "waffling" and "padding"? Those rules apply to this Breed Assignment as well. You want to avoid repetition and long-winded discussions and you want to try to make your essay easy to read and interesting. Remember, an essay is not a list of points. You may include short lists or definitions if it adds to your essay, but if your whole essay is laid out in point form, it will be rejected for you to rework.

When you have finished writing, read it through a couple of times, edit your phrasing if you need to, change the order of sentences if your essay will make more sense and remember to do a spelling and grammar check before you wrap it up.

Finally, list all the resources you consulted in a bibliography below your essay. This is to support your essay in case of controversial statements that need checking. Set your bibliography like this:

Author. *Title*. Page number and/or
www.bullterriersfromouterspace.com/howbulliesfly.html

A word of advice: allow yourself to get thoroughly involved with this Assignment and enjoy your task because of your passion for the Breed – it should not be treated as a painful punishment!

When you have completed all four essays, contact the JEC Administrator to assign you a Breed Specialist Assessor. Once you have received notification of your appointed Breed Specialist Assessor, forward the Assignment (all 4 essays) to your appointed Assessor electronically by email. After the Assignment has been assessed by your Breed Specialist Assessor, it will be assessed by the JEC Curriculum Developer, Joy McFarlane. If the essays are seriously lacking in depth of content, you may be advised to rework them. Once approved by **both** the Specialist Assessor and the Curriculum Developer, the Assignment will be returned to you and you will store it in your Portfolio and submit it to your Portfolio Assessor for final assessment and exam clearance.

Recommended and compulsory reading

You must obviously use the current Bull Terrier Breed Standard as your major source of information. You may also consult any number of other reliable sources – books, articles, the Internet.

You may find some useful information at the Bull Terrier of England's education site at: http://thebullterrierclub.org/breed-standard/ This information, however, must be studiously compared for its validity to the UK Kennel Club Breed Standard, which is what we use in South Africa.

2. EXAMINATION

The format of the examination will be multiple choice questions, long questions and an essay – **160 marks** on Breed questions, **50 marks** on Anatomy, Conformation and Movement, mostly specific to Bull Terriers (including the Miniature variety) and **40 marks** on KUSA Rules & Regulations. Read through the *Study Guide #11: Level 2 – How to prepare for the examination* to give you an idea of what to expect. (You can download this and other Study Guides from your Member's Portal on the KUSA website).

Multiple choice questions

See the Study Guide for the various examples of multiple choice questions that may be asked, eg. simple multiple choice, true or false, fill-in-the-blank, sorting, matching, sequencing and scenario questions. These types of questions may occur in the Breed section as well as the Anatomy section.

Long questions

With this type of question, your answer will be a little more comprehensive than the multiple choice questions and will comprise several marks per question. You may, for example, be asked to label an illustration or you may be asked to list a number of characteristics. You may also be asked to write a paragraph to describe a feature. This type of question may occur in the Breed section as well as the Anatomy section.

Essay

You will be asked to write an essay, about 1 - 1½ pages in length, on ONE of the essay topics you prepared for your Breed Assignment….. but you won't know which one until you get into the exam room and see your paper, so make sure you are thoroughly familiar with the contents of all your essays. Remember to write it in the same paragraph format that you presented your Breed Assignments. Lists of points will not be accepted. Remember to avoid padding.

A word of advice – take your exam seriously; it will not be a walk in the park, but if you know your Breed thoroughly and you have studied the supplementary material thoroughly, you will be very successful in this exam!

What should I study?

- The Breed Standard….. inside out, upside down and absolutely thoroughly with complete understanding!

- Your four essays – make sure you are familiar with the content of your essays and you may wish to summarise them down to point form for easy study and recall. The information you researched and presented in these four essays will form the content for your essay question and perhaps, in part, a few of the long questions.
- The Study Guide #6: General – Anatomy, Conformation and Movement. Try, as far as possible, to relate the content of that Guide to matters pertaining to the Bull Terrier. You do not need to bother too much with Part 2: Coat and Skin, although you are likely to get questions on the Bull Terrier's coat, so make sure you are familiar with the Breed Standard requirements.

Enjoy your studies and gain the most you can from this learning experience. If you experience any difficulties with what is required, please feel free to contact your Breed Specialist Assessor, the JEC Administrator or the Curriculum Developer, Joy McFarlane (fleetwind@yebo.co.za – 083 458 2438) for advice.