

THE REVISED

KUSA BREED JUDGES' LEARNING PROGRAMME



For those en route to qualifying as Licensed Judges



**"Seeing much, suffering much,
and studying much, are the
three pillars of learning."**

Benjamin Disraeli



2

LEVEL 2: LEARNER JUDGE

Level 2 - Learner Judge

Study phases

➤ Foundation Phase:

On your first entry to Level 2, only one course may be studied

➤ Advance Phase:

On the successful completion of the Foundation Phase, you may study up to two courses simultaneously
for example:

- ~ two Group courses, or
- ~ one Group course plus a Breed Specialisation course, or
- ~ one Group course plus the Junior Showmanship course



Level 2 - Learner Judge

In a nutshell....

Breed Tests



Hallmark Assignments



Judging Appointments



Learning Encounters



Shadow Judging



Ring Stewarding



Portfolio

Examination

Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module 1 – must be completed first



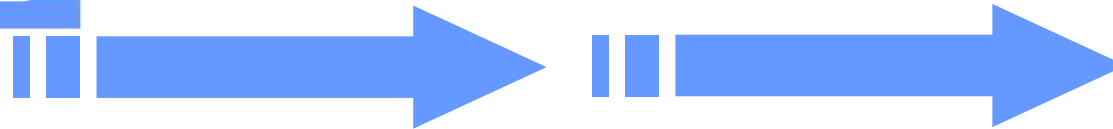
**“You cannot open a book
without learning
something.”**

Confucius

Breed Tests



The rationale for this module is to cultivate familiarity with the location and content of the most current breed standards and to ensure a thorough understanding of the relevant breeds before entering the ring to judge them.

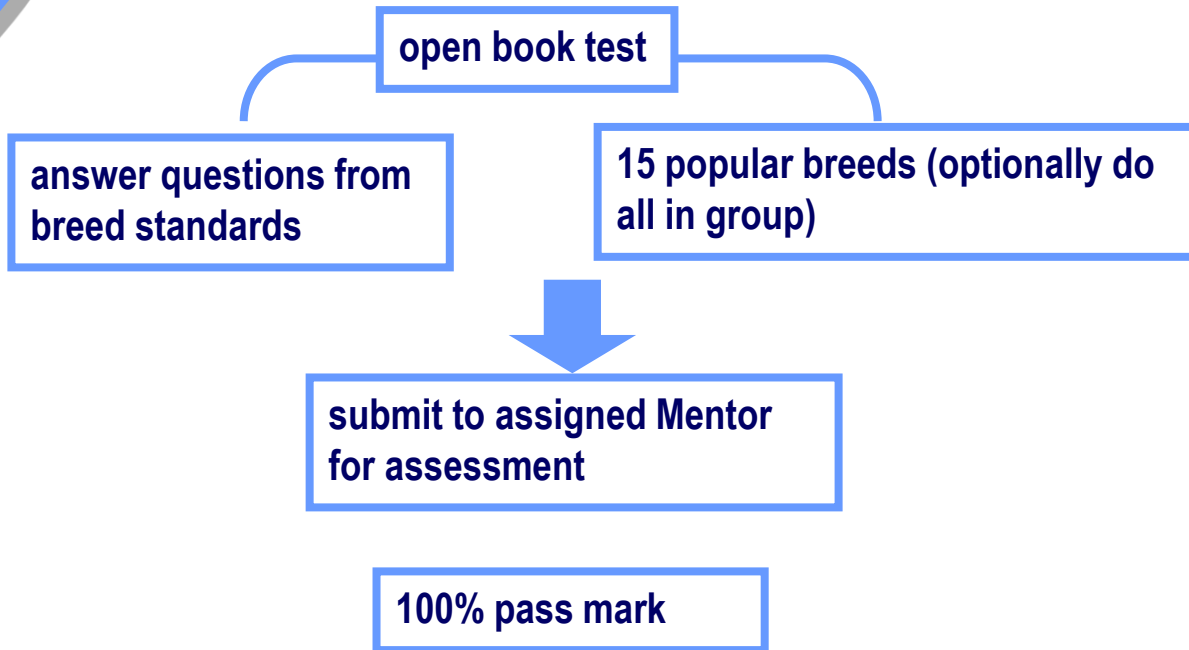


Level 2 - Learner Judge

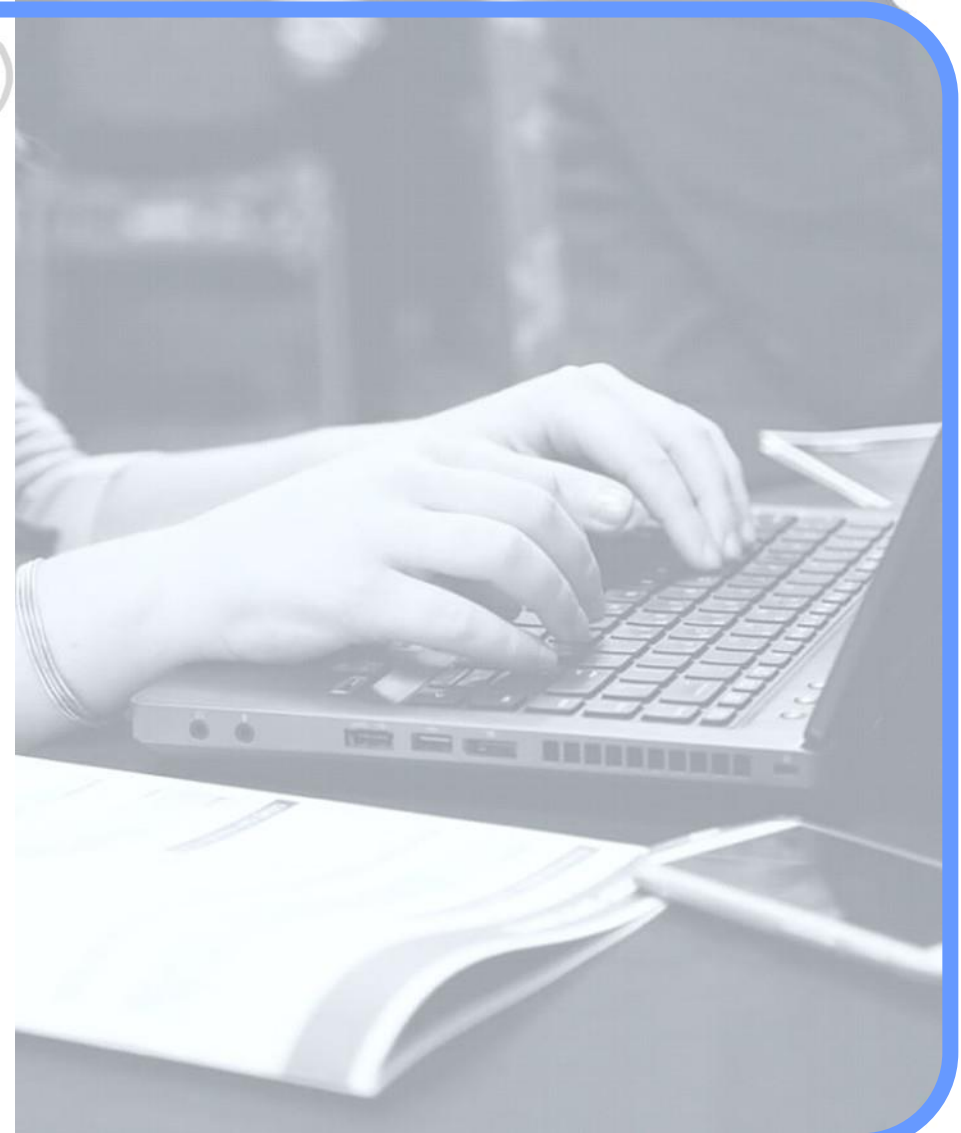
Module 1 – must be completed first



Breed Tests



- complete successfully before progressing
- store in portfolio



Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module 1 – must be completed first



Breed Tests



The breed tests are formatted as consecutive tables in a Word document. You will need to have Word installed on your computer or tablet.

~ Start by placing your cursor after the ... | then start typing.

~ Remove any extra line breaks you may have inadvertently added.

~ Save your document as
YourName_Group.docx (or .doc)

Please do not convert to pdf

OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOG

(KC Breed standard: 01/02/17)

1.	Is an Old English Sheepdog permitted to have wall eyes? ...	(1)
2.	What is the shape of the Old English Sheepdog's body as you view it from the top? ...	(1)
3.	Name the permitted options of the Old English Sheepdog's tail. ...	(1)
4.	According to the breed standard, the Old English Sheepdog has a distinctive bark. What is it? ...	(1)
5.	Describe the Old English Sheepdog's coat colours.	(2)
6.	The Old English Sheepdog has a tendency to move in which kind of gait that is normally unacceptable in the show ring? ...	(1)
7.	Is the Old English Sheepdog permitted to be scissored or clipped? ...	(1)
8.	Is pigmentation on the Old English Sheepdog's eye rims compulsory? What does the breed standard specify? ...	(1)
9.	Describe the texture and appearance of the Old English Sheepdog's outer coat. ...	(1)
10.	Describe the Old English Sheepdog's body shape (height to length ratio). ...	(1)
11.	What is the hallmark of the Old English Sheepdog's topline? ...	(1)
12.	Describe the Old English Sheepdog's ear shape and set. ...	(1)
13.	Can you forgive an Old English Sheepdog that is nervous or aggressive? ...	(1)
14.	Would you expect the Old English Sheepdog to move with good reach and drive? ...	(1)
15.	Are light eyes acceptable in an Old English Sheepdog? ...	(1)
16.	In which position does the Old English Sheepdog normally carry its head when gaiting? ...	(1)
17.	Does the Old English Sheepdog have a shortened muzzle? What is the term in the breed standard that indicates this? ...	(1)
18.	Is a level bite tolerated in an Old English Sheepdog? ...	(1)
19.	Describe the Old English Sheepdog's general appearance in your own words. ...	(2)
20.	How does the breed standard describe the undercoat on an Old English Sheepdog? ...	(1)
21.	Give the heights of the Old English Sheepdog dogs and bitches. ...	(1)
22.	Is it true that the Old English Sheepdog has a large skull? What is the description in the breed standard	(1)

Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module 2 – must be completed before progressing further



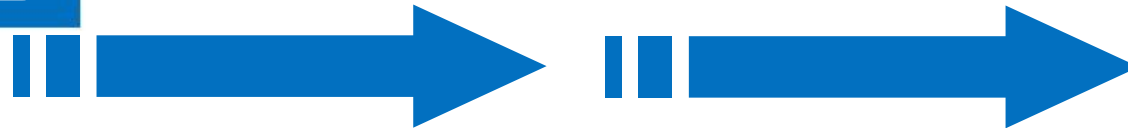
“Research is creating new knowledge.”

Neil Armstrong

Hallmarks Assignment



The rationale for this module is to encourage the Learner Judge to identify the most important breed hallmarks and specific characteristics of the relevant breeds in order to be completely attuned to them, and to present these in a format most useful for the Learner Judge's individual style of learning and for practical use during judging.



Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module 2 – must be completed before progressing further



Hallmarks Assignment



hallmarks of 15 breeds

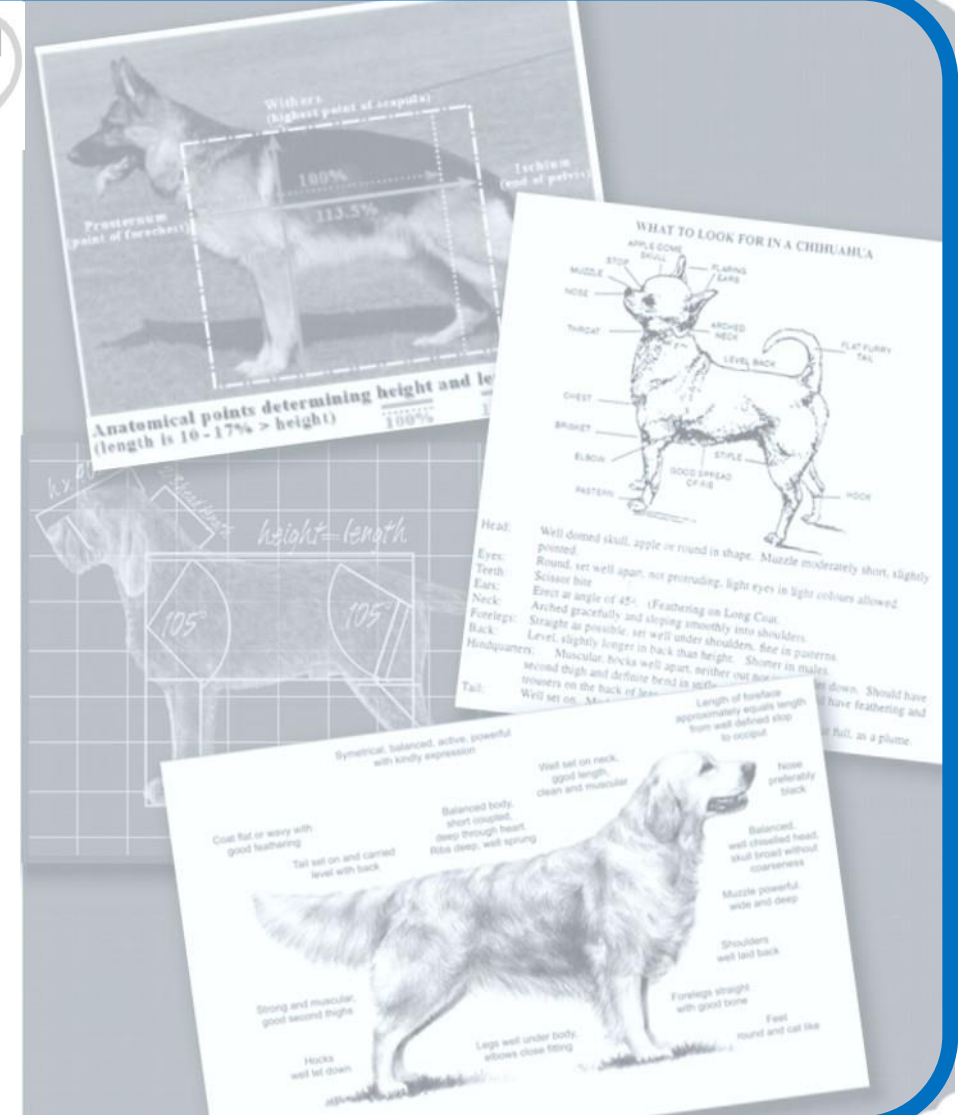
suggest working with Mentor
before formatting

format in own
preferred style

submit to Mentor for
assessment

include in portfolio for final
assessment

use practically in judging
assignments



Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module 2 – must be completed before progressing further



Hallmarks Assignment



Analyse the breed standard into these categories:

Hallmarks

Unique features and keywords that make the breed what it is – the “must haves” – the features that define breed type.

Characteristics

Features that also need to be present in order to define breed type, but may not be so unique - perhaps evident in other breeds, too.

Conformation

Features of conformation that may be generic or typical of similar breeds – the “common sense” features that you probably already know.

for example:

Hallmarks

- strong, square, body short
- gently rising topline
- pear-shaped
- rolls when ambling / walking
- lower at withers than loin
- loins gently arched
- tail docked / undocked / bobtail
- bear-like roll
- tends to pace at slow speed, etc



By the way...

For the purposes of calculating the number of breeds for quota requirements:

1 breed standard (regardless of variety breed classes at shows, or varieties published as individual breed standards) = recorded as 1 breed

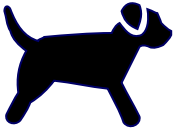


For example, these are considered 1 breed:

- ~ Belgian Shepherd Dog
- ~ Chihuahua
- ~ Dachshund
- ~ Poodle
- ~ Bull Terrier

Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module 3 – may accept judging invitations after completion of Modules 1 & 2



“Experience is making mistakes and learning from them.”

Bill Ackman

**Judging
Appointments**



The rationale for this module is to gain practical experience in the multi-skilled task of judging at conformation shows. The writing of brief reports encourages the finding of sound reasons for judging decisions and promotes a culture of positive judging.

Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module 3 – may accept judging invitations after completion of Modules 1 & 2



Judging Appointments



8 breeds in group

minimum 60 exhibits

write reports on Best of Breed winners

no more than 20 exhibits in one breed credited to report quota

minimum 3 non-championship shows
- at least 2 must cover the whole group

at least 1 judging appointment outside of your province

complete a standardised report form during judging

brief report on each BOB winner only

after judging, request the Show Secretary to endorse the report form

store all judging reports in the Portfolio (no need to send them anywhere)



Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module 3 – may accept judging invitations after completion of Modules 1 & 2



Judging Appointments

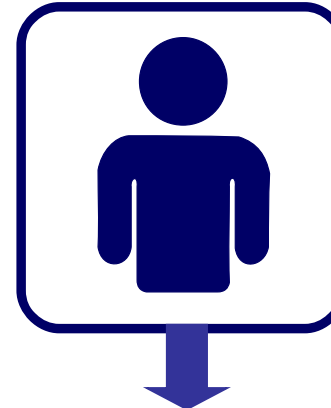


3 of your appointments will be observed by an assigned Assessor



- after completing the required 3 assessments, you may continue to judge without assessment to make up quota

- after completing all requirements for the level, you may continue to judge at non-championship shows until you feel ready to sit the exam

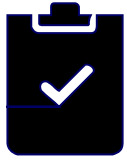


provides feedback and guidance;
signs off completed judging reports

KUSA Kennel Union of Southern Africa		
JUDGING REPORT		
SHOW:		
DATE:	GROUP:	TOTAL JUDGED TODAY:
JUDGE:	SIGNATURE:	
OBSERVING ASSESSOR:		
SHOW SECRETARY:		
<small>INSTRUCTIONS:</small> 1. Print sufficient copies of page 2 to cover your possible entry. Use separate forms for each group you judge. 2. Fill in by hand between judging based classes. Enter the name of the breed and the number of exhibitors in that breed. 3. Indicate from which class you selected your Best of Breed. 4. Briefly describe why you awarded the dog - which features you particularly liked, the presence of a few essential traits, why the dog impressed you. If it was the only exhibit mention that. Add if you awarded the exhibit further, e.g. Gp 1. 5. Obtain the Show Secretary's signature and the Assessor's name and signature (if applicable). 6. Store the completed, signed form in your portfolio.		
BREED:		TOTAL BREED ENTRY:
BEST OF BREED FROM CLASS:		FURTHER AWARDS:
REASON FOR PLACEMENT:		
BREED:		TOTAL BREED ENTRY:
BEST OF BREED FROM CLASS:		FURTHER AWARDS:
REASON FOR PLACEMENT:		

Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module may be completed at any time



**“Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.”**

Benjamin Franklin

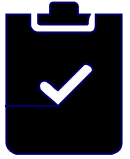
Ring Stewarding



The rationale for this module is to increase opportunity for the Learner Judge to become fully familiar with procedures, rules, and regulations within the ring. Working in the group ring being studied also allows considerable indirect learning in between ring-stewarding duties.

Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module may be completed at any time



Ring Stewarding



attend at least one ring stewardship course
(credit retained with proof of attendance)

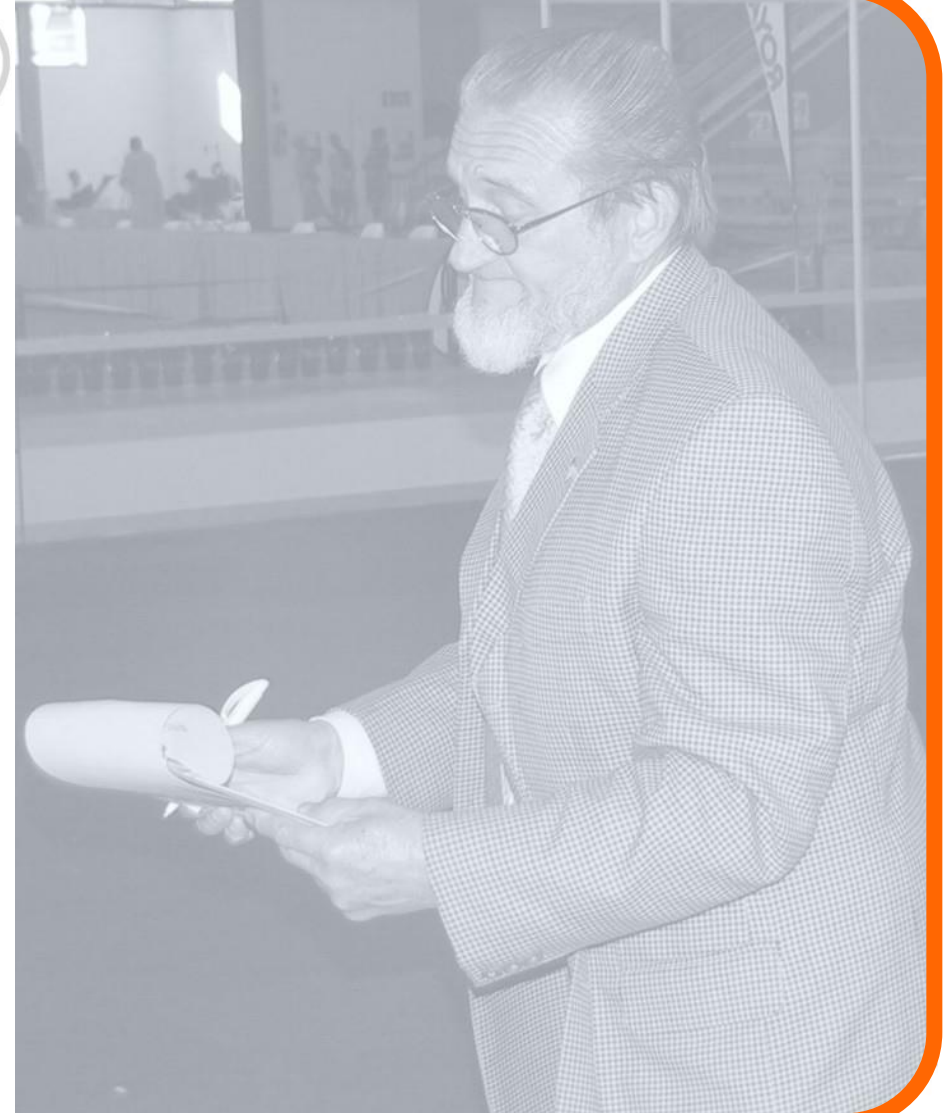
1 non-championship show
1 championship show

in any order



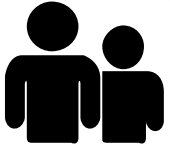
in group being studied

- proof of ring stewardship must be endorsed by the Show Secretary
- stored in portfolio may not steward in a group prior to one month of judging that group in the same province
- ring stewarding appointments prior to starting this group study do not count
- may not steward in a group prior to one month of judging that group in the same province
- ring stewarding appointments prior to starting this group study do not count



Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module may be completed at any time



“There is wisdom that comes from experience, and I am not going to stop learning from wise counsel.”

Marcia Fudge

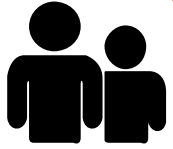
Shadow Judging



The rationale for this module is to grant the Learner Judge an opportunity to experience some of the typical challenges and situations within the ring at championship show level by closely observing the techniques and decisions of an experienced Judge, together with the opportunity to participate and practice with feedback and professional guidance.

Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module may be completed at any time



Shadow Judging



select to shadow

an experienced Licensed Judge

or

at a championship show

an International Judge

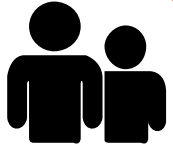
- shadow a minimum of 8 breeds split over at least 2 appointments, viz. 4 per appointment
- may choose any 4 breeds as long as none are repeated
- may choose to shadow more than 8 breeds as long as only 4 breeds are chosen per appointment

apply in writing – at least 2 weeks before the event – to the Show Secretary – who will request permission from the Officiating Judge on your behalf
(you must follow this procedure or forfeit credit)



Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module may be completed at any time



Shadow Judging



- Before the commencement of the show, meet the Officiating Judge, advise him/her of the four (4) breeds chosen and request advice and guidance on relevant judging techniques (particularly the meaningful placement of hands and methods of measuring)
- Be present in good time before the judging of selected breeds; and you may leave afterwards.
- You must accompany and observe the Officiating Judge's technique as closely as possible in the ring without excessive intrusion. (You are not allowed to hang out at the Judge's table under the gazebo!).
- Following the award of BOB by the Officiating Judge, all dogs will be excused from the ring with the exception of the BOB. Then the Officiating Judge or Ring Steward will request the exhibitor to allow you to examine the exhibit in the centre of the ring.
- No public or overheard criticism of particular exhibits will be permitted by you or the Officiating Judge, but the Officiating Judge is permitted to offer advice discreetly on appropriate judging techniques and the identification of hallmarks.
- Proof of all Shadow Judging Assignments must be endorsed by the Officiating Judge.
- Complete an Observation Report following each shadow judging session to be stored in the Portfolio.
- You may enter their own dogs in a different group as long as it does not clash with the shadow judging commitment.

Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module may be completed at any time



**“I’m a very strong believer
in learning from others.”**

Ruth Bader Ginsberg

Learning Encounters



The rationale for this module is to open the Learner Judge to a number of different learning opportunities that may offer various views of, and insights into, the breeds being studied in order to form balanced and supplementary knowledge of these breeds, and also to inculcate a culture of life-long learning.

Level 2 - Learner Judge

Module may be completed at any time



Learning Encounters



10 learning encounters, comprising:

➔ 3 breed seminars / workshops – compulsory

➔ plus 7 learning encounters:

- record full details for each learning encounter
- summarise and analyse each
- consult your study guide for detailed guidance
- credit given for previously-attended seminars if proof provided

- additional breed seminars / workshops
- private breed discussions
- group clinics
- online breed seminars
- privately-viewed breed presentations
- study groups
- shadow judging at non-championship shows
- grooming workshops



Level 2 - Learner Judge

Continuous maintenance of portfolio throughout course



**“You can have data
without information, but
you cannot have
information without data.”**

Daniel Keys Moran

Portfolio



Level 2 - Learner Judge

Continuous maintenance of portfolio throughout course



Portfolio

- when all requirements are met, submit portfolio to assigned Assessor
- Assessor checks that all modules have been completed correctly
- consult your study guide for detailed guidelines

Submit your portfolio by:

15 April (for June exam)

1 September (for November exam)

successful completion = examination entrance



Level 2 - Learner Judge

An exercise to prove your readiness



“A dog judge is a student who marks his own exam.”

With apologies to H. L. Mencken

Examination



Level 2 - Learner Judge

Paper 2



Paper 2 Examination

multiple choice examination:

- ~ Breed Standards (200 marks)
- ~ Rules & Regulations (40 marks)
- ~ Anatomy, Conformation, and Movement (60 marks)

3 hours duration

300 marks

pass mark – 75%

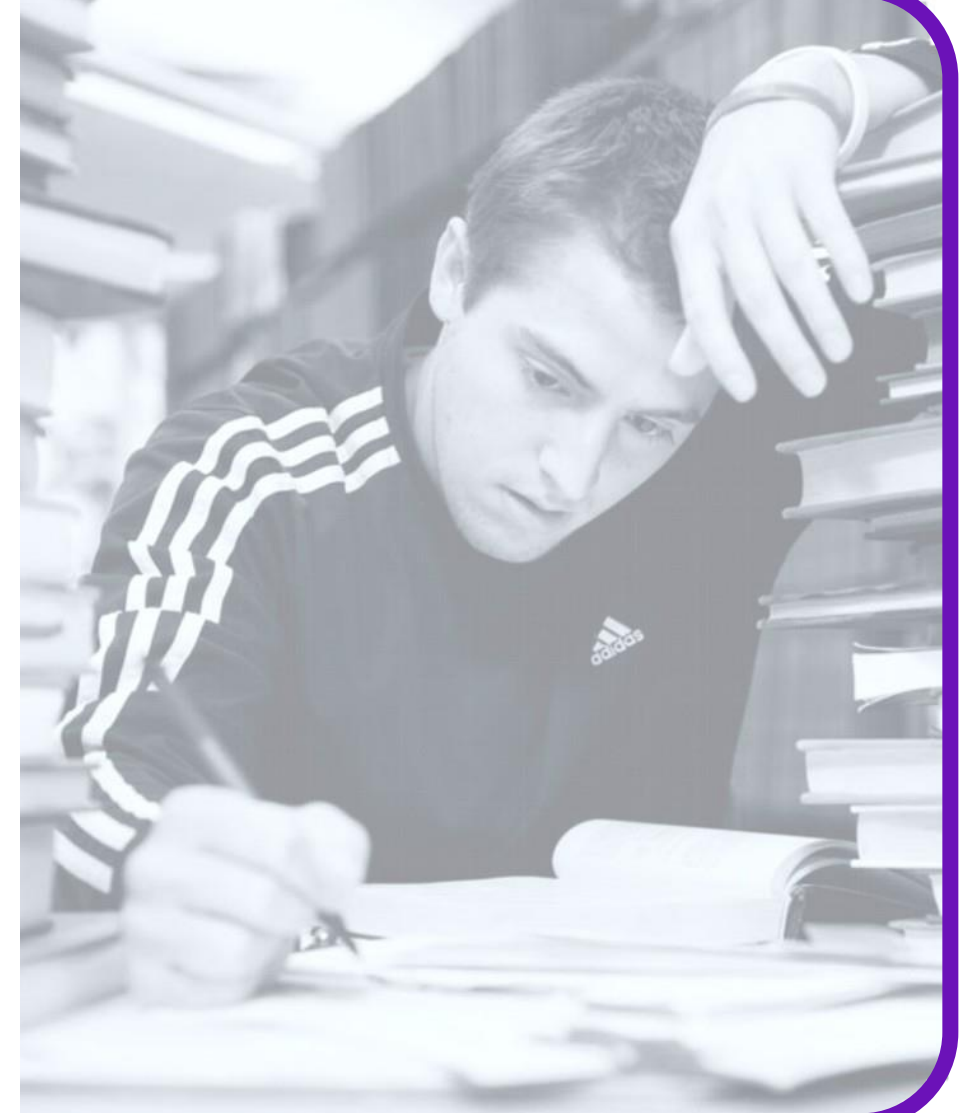
Exams are held in June and November

You need to register by:

15 May (for June exam)

1 October (for November exam)

- marked by Examiner, moderated by Moderator
- notified by KUSA – percentage mark given
- if unsuccessful, may register to rewrite the examination
- re-marking facility available on payment of a fee



**"There's no shortcut to learning a craft;
you just have to put the years in."**

Kylie Minogue

