

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MEMBER INPUT ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION

We are looking for suggestions from the members as to what they think the Club should do to bring greater understanding of our breed issues such as the standard, judging, health, feeding, care, showing, breeding, obedience, coursing, etc.

Please take a minute to respond to us on the issues that you feel are important.

Below is a list of suggestions that I have received to date:

1. Run judges workshops which are open to both judges and other interested parties.
2. Breeding questions, including fertility, whelping, line breeding, outcrossing, etc.
3. Health testing, including results and updates of ongoing studies on cardiac, bloat, cancer, genetic problems or any others that can be suggested.
4. Hands on classes and handling classes at specialties, which will be done at IWCA in 2008.
5. An introduction to Rally, Obedience, Coursing, etc.
6. Dog structure and movement.
 - 6a. Understanding the standard.
 - 6b. Understanding Type - what is it?
7. Open forums held at Specialties to exchange information of any sort, such as was done at IWANE in 2006.
8. Understanding puppy growth.
9. Problems like hygromas that we should get more information on before a vet drains it...and other problems that frequently occur. Do you have any suggestions from personal experience.
10. How much to exercise a puppy.
11. What do you feel should be stressed to judges? How can we improve communication?
12. A previous survey indicated that members might be interested in an educational weekend, not connected to a Specialty. Would you be willing to come for a weekend and pay in the neighborhood of \$100 for the program, plus travel, hotel, meals etc. We would estimate that the travel, hotel, registration and food cost to be \$500 to \$600 –

Thanks in advance for your input and help on this!

Please email me your thoughts and ideas and, even if you do not have input at this time, please send me your email address so that I can make up a distribution list for information that I find that I think might be of interest to you.

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