

SPDBS CRITIQUE JUDGE INSTRUCTIONS

You have been selected by the Society for the Perpetuation of the Desert Bred Saluki (SPDBS) as a critique judge because of your experience and knowledge of the Saluki breed. Your primary task is to determine, to the best of your ability, if the dogs you are critiquing are pure bred Salukis or if they are not pure bred Salukis. You may ask questions of the owner and use any and all information available to make this assessment.

You are to use the AKC Saluki standard and your practical knowledge of the breed for this decision. At the present time, neither DNA nor any other method of scientific testing can determine if a dog is purebred or not purebred. Pure breeding is determined the “old-fashioned-way” through visual observation, documentation, and background information on the dog. Background information can be oral or in the form of correspondence. Documentation includes health and/or registration certificates, travel docs, etc.

Judges may ask handlers to present their dogs however they see fit. SPDBS asks that the dog undergo a physical examination and movement be observed. Judges usually write their comments while the dogs are being presented but evaluations may be completed following the dogs' presentation. Please check that the color, markings, pattern, and birthdate are consistent with the Saluki you are critiquing.

When you write your judge's comments do not make written comparisons of the subject dog with the other dogs at the critique. Your judge's comments need not be long. If you do not consider the dog to be a pure bred Saluki, explain why. You may write on the back of the critique form if you need extra space for your comments.

Do not forget to check the box that asks the question whether or not you consider the dog to be a PURE BRED SALUKI—this is the most important question on the form This question does not relate to the quality of the dog. If you do not consider the dog to be a pure bred Saluki, check no. This question is the “bottom line” and the reason why your opinion was sought.

The SPDBS thanks you for your help in this vital function.