

Dog Show Judging and the AKC

An AKC judge discusses ethics, fakery and the AKC's responsibility.

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- 2) Do not fault judge X for virtue, and you will encourage exhibitors to show their exhibits fairly;
- 3) Have the fortitude to award outstanding dogs even if they exhibit noticeable faults;
- 4) Adhere to the rules of the game — an even playing field requires everyone to be treated the same;
- 5) Enforce the rules of the game — do not make exceptions. Fix the rules if they are wrong; don't circumvent them;
- 6) Honesty will always pay off in the end.

Yes, we live in a very confusing and conflicting world. In the end, we must examine our own ideology of this life experience to help guide our actions. Admittedly, you don't get to choose the reality you can only try to make the most educated guess you can about the rules that govern life. Realize that you cannot truly enjoy fruits of success if you do not do the right thing in every action you take.

I believe honesty is ultimately rewarded, and those who practice fakery are ultimately held responsible for their choices, and "Yeah, sorry," isn't going to get it. Make your choices carefully.