New Zealand Dog Judges Association

INTENSIVE CRITIQUE FORM GUIDELINES AND COVER SHEET

NZDJA Observer Name:_____

Trainee Judge's Name:_____

Conducted at (event): _____

Date: / / **Specialty** Yes / No

Event type: Championship Show ☐ Open Show ☐ Ribbon Parade ☐ Training event ☐

Conditions: Approved Observer to check

- Both the Trainee and Observer **MUST** physically examine and gait the critqued dogs.
- You may observe as many dogs as you wish however no more than 5 critique reports are required to be submitted per Trainee with a maximum of 2 dogs per breed or variety (e.g. Chihuahua, Poodle, Dachshund etc)
- You must view the Trainee's physical examination of the dog(s) and discuss with the Trainee judge the completed critique based on the relevant dog(s) critiqued.
- There is no pass/fail in this exersise however it is an opportunity for the Trainee to practice critiquing "what they see" as opposed to quoting the standard verbatim.
- Have a conversation with the trainee allowing them to "talk the dog" and recognise the dog's virtues and area's they would like to see improved.
- In your feedback below consider the following:
  - Did the Trainee correctly go over the dog checking for breed specific characteristics?
  - Was the Trainee able to recognise breed type, shape, balance and soundess?
  - Was the Trainee able to recognise the breed hallmarks?
  - Was the Trainee able to recognise the dog's strengths and weaknesses in relation to the breed standard?
  - Did the Trainee demonstrate an understanding of the breed specific gait?
  - Did the Trainee use correct terminology when describing the anatomy?
  - Did the Trainee reference the form and function of the dog in relation to its origins and purpose?

Feedback:

Observers Signature _____

Once completed, please hand this form to the Trainee to accompany the written critiques to be returned to the secretary of NZ Judges Assn secretarynzdja@gmail.com within 14 days.