



INTENSIVE CRITIQUE FORM GUIDELINES AND COVER SHEET

Trainee Judge's Name:

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

Conditions: Approved Observer to check

- Trainees must complete critiques for a minimum of 10 dogs for each application for promotion. Further information can be found in the NZDJA Regulations.
- You may observe as many dogs as you wish. However no more than five critique reports are required to be submitted per Trainee, per Observer.
- A maximum of two dogs per breed or variety (e.g. Chihuahua, Poodle, Dachshund etc) per application for promotion.
- Both the Trainee and Observer **MUST** physically examine and gait the critqued dogs and you must observe the Trainee's physical examination of each dog being critiqued.
- There is no pass/fail in this exercise 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 including their assessment of the dog in relation to the relevant breed standard. .
- Please complete the feedback section below and in your feedback 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 soundness?
 - 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:

NOTE: Only one coversheet is required per observation.