



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

November 27, 2017

Dear Ms. DeFlacis:

On behalf of the American Kennel Club we would like to thank you for your willingness to participate in the upcoming AKC/DJAA Advanced Judges Institute for Working and Herding Breeds in Orlando, Florida. Attached you will find all of the information and materials you should need to coordinate your arrival and set up.

AKC is delighted to count you among our outstanding panel of mostly Parent Club approved presenters of Parent Club approved programs meeting AKC criteria. The personal investment of your time and effort becomes part of the ongoing effort to improve the quality of judging and thereby the quality of the experience of our sport.

You have been selected by your Parent Club or by AKC because of your conspicuous accomplishments within your breed. The program you are to present must meet a uniform criterion established by AKC that includes time and propriety considerations. It is necessary; therefore, we ask that your presentation not include references to the success of your breeding program, show career or hereditary-genetic issues. The presentation should focus on the explanation of your standard, examples of proper breed characteristics and the acknowledgement of latitudes the judge has beyond your personal interpretation of your standard.

As of today, we have a total of (30) attendees for your Bergamasco Sheepdog breed presentation. We advise you to bring an additional half dozen educational packets for late registrants.

Again, on behalf of the American Kennel Club and Dog Judges Association of America, all the judges who will be attending and all of the exhibitors who will ultimately reap the benefit of your effort, thank you very much for participating.

Should you have any questions prior to your departure, please feel free to contact me (Kathy) at 919-816-3862. If you should have questions after regular business hours, please call Ines Maldonado at 919-641-0851 or myself at 919-389-4982. Thank you again for your dedication to judge's education. We look forward to meeting you and working with you.

Yours truly,

Tim Thomas

Ines Maldonado

Kathy Caruana

Encl: Directions, Hand-On and Hand Outs, Agenda, Criteria: Seminars and Workshops