



**AMERICAN  
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***RINGSIDE OBSERVATION FORM***

For Ringside observations to be considered as an enriching component, this form must be completed by observer, mentor and submitted with application. Three per breed required and are to include at least 2 majors. Complete a separate form for each observation. Keep a copy for your records. All additional breed forms available at: [www.akc.org/judges/conformation/index.cfm](http://www.akc.org/judges/conformation/index.cfm)  
**Please type or print in black or blue ink.**

Observer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Show Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Show Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed & Classes Observed: \_\_\_\_\_ Observed #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Observer Notes:** Overall quality of entry  Excellent  Good  Average  Poor

Breed Specific comments are MANDATORY  
If no comments are written, observation will not count.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Briefly describe experience:**  
If no comments are written, observation will not count.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by Mentor (Mandatory):**

Parent Club Approved Mentor  yes  no  
Breeder Judge  yes  no  
Exhibited at this show  yes  no

Number of years exhibiting this breed \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years judging this breed \_\_\_\_\_  
(regular status)  
Length of observation: \_\_\_\_\_

In your opinion does the observer have a good understanding of this breed, provide details:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ verify that the above judge has completed an AKC approved  
(print name)  
observation as indicated above. My signature on this form does not necessarily indicate my endorsement or recommendation of the observing judge.

**Mentor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_