



Schipperke Club of America, Inc.

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Dear Judges and Judges Applicants;

The Schipperke Club of America would like to thank you for your interest in judging our breed.

It is our belief that judges' conscientious selections contribute greatly to the continued quality and integrity of the Schipperke in this country.

We are grateful that the American Kennel Club supports a judge's decision to excuse if the judge feels the dog is not in accordance with the breed standard (Chapter 7, Section 15, AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows). As stated in past AKC Judges Newsletters and in the AKC Gazette, it is completely up to the judge whether to judge or excuse and AKC will support either decision.

While it is understood that you as a judge have a choice, the Schipperke Club of America prefers that you consider a Schipperke with a tail to be a serious deviation from the standard and prioritize and penalize it accordingly.

The standard says:

The Schipperke is an agile, active watchdog and hunter of vermin. In appearance he is a small, thickset, cobby, black, *tailless dog*, with a fox-like face. ***The croup is broad and well-rounded with a tail that is docked. No tail is visually discernible. Any deviation from the ideal described in the standard should be penalized to the extent of the deviation.***

The docked tail is an essential breed characteristic.

We appreciate your consideration with respect to maintaining the integrity of our breed standard.

Sincerely,

Beverly Henry, President
For the SCA Board of Directors

Virginia Larioza, Judges Education Chairperson