

Qualifications for ETSCA-approved Breed Presenters and Breed Tutors

A Breed Presenter is defined as an individual presenting breed information on the English Toy Spaniel in a formal classroom setting. A Breed Tutor is defined as an individual presenting breed information in a one on one setting, such as ringside mentoring, kennel visits, grooming area discussions, or telephone-based discussions.

The following criteria will serve as the minimum requirements for Breed Presenters and Breed Tutors for the English Toy Spaniel Club of America.

Any presenter of judges' education material, or any presenter who uses the breed standard as the basis of a presentation or conversation as a parent club-approved presenter, must meet the following minimum requirements*:

- Must be Approved by a majority vote of the Board of the ETSCA
- Must be a member in good standing
- Must have owned or judged the breed for at least 12 years
- Must have bred or co-bred at least 5 champions from at least 3 different litters
- Must have attended at least 5 National Specialties in the past 12 years
- Must have attended at least 3 English Toy Spaniel breed seminars at a National Specialty, with at least 1 attendance occurring in the last 5 years

*Any deviation from aforementioned criteria will be reviewed by the ETSCA Board on a case by case basis.

Roles and Responsibilities for Breed Presenters and Tutors

1. Presenters need to be comfortable speaking before an audience, and Tutors need to be comfortable with one-on-one discussions and dealing with individual needs.
2. Must be familiar enough with the breed, its history, and the AKC Breed Standard to speak about it for two hours or more as may be required by some programs.
3. Must be familiar enough with basic canine anatomy to discuss conformation and how various faults contribute to specific problems.
4. Must have significant knowledge regarding structure, type, and function.
5. Must agree to use only ETSCA programs, outlines, and handout material as approved by the ETSCA Board of Directors at any ETSCA approved presentation or tutoring activity.
6. Must be able to describe breed characteristics in specific terms using positive style and correct canine terminology.
7. Must agree to conduct one's self ethically in accord with ETSCA and AKC codes of conduct.
8. Must follow up on all questions from any participant who needs more specific information by referring the person to other people or resources, or by researching the information requested.
9. Must be trained on how to present on the ETSCA approved material.
10. Must obtain the names and addresses of attendees at presentations or individuals tutored and report back to the Parent Club.
11. Must be able to pass a basic test on the English Toy Spaniel breed standard and canine anatomy if requested.
12. Must set aside personal preferences and discuss the breed per the breed standard and the ETSCA approved materials.
13. Presenters and Tutors bear the responsibility to complete AKC training forms honestly and accurately, based on their judgment of participants' engagement in AKC's expected levels of participation for the specific classroom or tutoring activities.
14. Must be able to apply written ETSCA breed study materials to the evaluation of live dogs. Although not all presentations and tutoring activities will involve a hands-on component with live dogs, when live dogs are used, Presenters/Tutors bear certain responsibilities. They must focus on ETSCA materials and the breed standard and refrain from expressing personal opinions or preferences. To the extent possible, they should also use a variety of English Toy Spaniels that include both dogs and bitches of various ages, colors, and from multiple breeders.
15. In all circumstances, Breed Presenters and Breed Tutors must avoid conflicts of interest and in all situations, Presenters must use dogs solely for the purposes of education. Under no circumstances should the use of animals place the presenter or ETSCA in a situation of perceived promotion or endorsement for any dog, individual, or breeding program.