



## Young Judges – Things to think about before the day arrives

- 🐾 Familiarise yourself with the expected behaviours and dress code of a judge when at a show, details of this can be found in the Judging and Showing Handbook or you could watch a judge at a local show to you.

## Young Judges Interview Techniques

- 🐾 Familiarise yourself with the current WPCS judge's handbook this can be found on the society website <https://wpcs.uk.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-HANDBOOK-Website-Copy.pdf> , or a copy requested from the office.
- 🐾 Familiarise yourself with the breed standards for the section you will be judging.
- 🐾 Smile and be friendly when entering the room and introduce yourself to the interviewer.
- 🐾 Sit up in your chair and engage with the interviewer via eye contact.
- 🐾 Engage with the questions giving enough information but remaining on the topic of the question.
- 🐾 Make sure you answer the question.
- 🐾 Thank the interviewer for their time when you leave the room.

Things to remember when placing the animal, to help in your interview. These are all things that can be noted during the judging of the in-hand class and referred to in the interview so we would encourage you to make as many notes as possible to help you then speak about the animals and their placings in the interview.

- 🐾 Comparisons between animals and the reasons for the placings rather than giving a description of the animals
- 🐾 Observations of any fault or differences between animals
- 🐾 Justifications for the placings of the animal e.g., why was he 3<sup>rd</sup> and not second

If you would like to practice a mock interview, please add a note with your application with an e-mail address and the society will arrange an online mock interview for you.

Good luck with your application. We hope you enjoy!