



Schipperke Club of America, Inc.

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Dear AKC Judges,

We thank you for your interest in our breed, and for being approved, provisional or planning to apply to judge Schipperkes. The Schipperke Club of America wants you to be aware of the club's stance on tails. Our parent club approved breed standard clearly states more than once that the Schipperke **should not have a tail** when exhibited in the conformation ring.

While there have been attempts to change the standard, both times (to date) the majority of our membership voted to retain our current standard. **Our standard has NOT been changed.** Please understand that no official representatives of the SCA should be indicating otherwise.

If the Schipperke Club of America does change our breed standard, we will be sure to notify all judges immediately **upon that change**. Until that time, our breed standard clearly states that:

- *"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 the tail docked. No tail is visually discernible.**"*

Our breed is a **silhouette** breed. This does not lend itself to a tail over the back, sticking up in the air, or as a saber tail. Breed type is crucial. Please continue to judge our breed according to our **approved** standard only.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, as always any member of the Judges' Education Committee would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Debra DellaMonica, President

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