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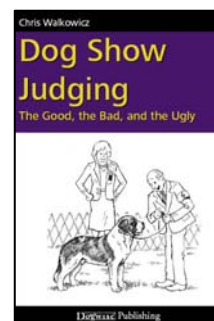
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It's not all ribbons and glory

Look beyond the television image of a focused dog show judge awarding ribbons and learn what it's *really* like to judge dogs! Chris Walkowicz, a successful exhibitor and respected AKC judge, explains with humor and warmth how she, and others as committed as she is, learn their craft. Find out how judges get started, build their skills, and acquire their judging credentials. And learn about all the other things a judge must master including travel hassels, finances, and record keeping.

While writing in a light-hearted vein, Chris answers important questions. What do judges want from exhibitors? What do exhibitors want from judges? Learn from the author how to make the dog showing experience more successful for all.

Haven't you always wanted to know?

- How judges learn to make their decisions.
- The best way to navigate the AKC judge's application process.
- How to run a ring efficiently and fairly while promoting good sportsmanship.
- Tips on judging Groups, Best in Show, and at overseas events.

What makes *Dog Show Judging Best in Show*

Chris Walkowicz's enthusiasm for the sport of dogs is contagious. Her many contributions to our sport are well-known and much appreciated. As a judge she brings both knowledge and passion to America's dog show rings. Her new work is a must read for the entire fancy!

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A great look at the world of judging dog shows. Chris covers it all, from comfortable shoes to breed standards to rules and ring procedures. She reminds us about what the responsibility of a judging assignment means—for the dogs and for the hardworking breeders and owners and exhibitors. But most important, she also reminds you to bring to the ring your sense of humor, a smile, and the memory of how you once were handling dogs yourself.

David Frei, Co-host, Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, USA Network

Easy to read, easy to understand book is for all of those ready or even thinking of jumping into the world of Dog Show Judges. Chris Walkowicz is the perfect person to write this as she has been on all sides of the ring and can explain it with humor from one of us who have fallen into all of the pits along the way.

Pat Hastings, AKC Judge, author of *Tricks of the Trade* and *Another Piece of the Puzzle*

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