

Special Breed Specific Instructions (BSI)

Guidelines for Judges

Exaggerations in conformation can cause serious health problems for individual dogs and to breeds as a whole.

This has led to an increased demand, internationally and domestically, on canine organisations to increase focus on canine welfare and soundness.

The Swedish Kennel Club (SKK) has approved Breed Specific Instructions (BSI) with regard to areas of increased risk for exaggerations in conformation of pedigree dogs. BSI should be seen as a complement to current breed standards and it is important to note that BSI does NOT provide further listing of faults as seen in many breed standards. The intention is to increase awareness for increased risks of unsoundness and physical exaggerations in breeds listed in the document.

The main ambition of BSI is to support and in a positive way influence breeding of sound and healthy dogs on a long term basis and to avoid the presence of exaggerations. The initiative will however have no effect if judges fail to accept their responsibility and it is therefore imperative that both general and breed specific instructions are adhered to and that typical dogs that are sound and healthy are given priority in the show ring.

You have been invited to judge the following breed/s which is/are listed in the BSI document:

By doing so, you have agreed to abide by the guidelines and instructions in the BSI document. Your reports of each exhibit should reflect your findings on the individual dogs. Your overall opinion of each breed should be specified in the evaluation form provided by the ring steward and filled out when you have finished the breed. Each year, all breed clubs and clubs for various groups of breeds, receive all reports and evaluations. This is an integral part of the project and of utmost importance for a positive development and future of pedigree dogs.

Date

The inviting club

Enclosed, the Special Breed Specific Instructions (BSI)



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