

# JUDGING ABROAD



I have just recently returned from judging in England. This was my second time judging there. Most recently was the East Midlands Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club Open show in November. I had prior judged the Terrier Club of South Wales in 2011.

It was an honor to be asked to judge both of these assignments, as it has been so many great shows here in the US. There are some differences when you get asked to judge an assignment abroad. You should do your diligence and learn the process that they are used to doing at the shows they attend. This makes it easier, not only on the dogs but also the handlers.

In my most recent judging I had an entry of approximately 70, and without very good ring stewards, the day would not have gone anywhere near as smoothly as it did.

Another difference is the day is extended by the fact that I do critiques on the first and second place of every class after placing them.

I would say the most common question I get is how my entrants compared to "ours" here? I have to say this, I truly believe that the top dogs here can compete there as theirs can do the same here. It is so nice to get your hands on a great specimen and as a judge you sure know when this occurs.

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*Photos clockwise from top:*

- Chris with Zoe Martin
- Main photo - Dog lineup
- Chris with Malcom
- BD & BIS Sandstaff Bold And Fearless
- Nettleworth Nitty Gritty JW
- Fairlenium Eye of the Storm JW ShCM

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