

# **ENGLISH SETTER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA BREED MENTOR PROGRAM**

Mentors should be people with good integrity, honesty, and have the welfare of the breed and ESAA above their own personal agenda. They need to work well with people, and have good communication skills.

## **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

1. 15 years active experience in the breed.
2. ESAA member for 12 years and must be in good standing with both ESAA and AKC.
3. Attended at least 5 ESAA National Specialties, 2 of them in the past 3 years.
4. Bred 5 litters and made a strong effort to breed to the AKC standard and have had at least 5 homebred champions.
5. Must have knowledge of the background, history and function of the breed.
6. Attended or assisted in the ESAA Judges Education breed study at least 1 time.
7. Have experience in judging the breed or in sweepstakes.
8. Have a time available to devote to potential judges requesting meetings or other interactions.

## **Strongly Recommend:**

Have attended at least 1 field event involving English Setters, AKC Hunt Test or Field Trial.

## **ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES:**

1. To use ESAA materials when mentoring or making a presentation.
2. Concentrate on virtues rather than faults.
3. Be objective and positive
4. Conduct yourself appropriately as a representative of ESAA.
5. Must discuss dogs as per the standard, show records should not be discussed and promotion of individual dogs or kennels is not acceptable.

These requirements and guidelines will be updated as necessary with Board of Directors approval.