

Respected Judge Edward F. Lyons

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1. What is your background?

I was a Postal Inspector as well as a Professional Handler.

2. Were you once a junior yourself?

I was never a Junior.

3. How long have you been judging juniors?

Since 1995

4. What do you look for in the junior when judging?

I want to see a team performance, with the dog and handler in sync.

5. What is the most common mistake that you see juniors make in the ring?

Trying to stare the judge down.

6. What is your biggest pet peeve when it comes to Junior Judging?

A Junior with attitude- Mommy has bought them a finished Champion to show. It is groomed by some one else- and they pick up this perfectly trained and groomed dog at ringside and expect to walk in, smile and win.- also, mommy has picked up the number.

7. What was the funniest moment that you recall in the Junior ring?

I do not remember any funny instances.

8. How do you feel about being approached by a Junior about placement?

I like when a Junior approaches me about my placements. I know why I did what I did. If they don't ask and know what they did wrong- How will they learn?

9. What do you personally see are the good or the bad trends in Junior Showmanship today?

I like it when Juniors come to ringside to watch other Junior classes. This indicates to me that they are interested in what I am doing as well as what my ring pattern will be when their time comes to exhibit under me. Juniors should be a learning experience as well as preparation for how they conduct themselves in real life. Are they going to be able to handle unexpected events as they occur? Remember Juniors are the future of our sport.

