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Notice to all PCA members, Pekingese Breeders and Judges

### **2005 Pekingese Study Guides Disapproved and Recalled**

At the Board meeting in New York City on February 8, 2008, the Board of Directors of The Pekingese Club of America rescinded approval of the 9" x 3 1/2" Pekingese Study Guide which began distribution in 2006 and was mailed to all Pekingese judges by a member. The guide, which had been privately funded, was found to contain numerous serious mistakes, such as:

1. Pinched nostrils on the illustration of the head study,
2. Other illustrations of Pekingese with pinched nostrils and embedded noses
3. Illustration of the skeleton with light bone on the forequarters and coarse hindquarters, just the opposite of the requirements in the breed standard.
4. Outdated and anatomically inaccurate drawings
5. Misleading commentary

The 2005 Study Guides are officially discontinued and not approved for use at breed seminars or as educational resource. The Board of Directors regrets inconvenience to those who have purchased this guide and urge that they be discarded.

The Education and Publication committees of The Pekingese Club of America will produce a new accurate study guide as soon as possible.

### **The Pekingese Club of America Board of Directors February 8, 2008 New York, New York (meeting minutes)**

#### **PCA Study Guides**

The PCA Study Guides approved by the Board in 2006 were found to contain numerous errors, such as pinched nostrils on the head study of an ideal head, an illustration of the body with light forequarters and coarse hindquarters, just the opposite of what is required in the standard, as well as other mistakes. After much discussion and review, Dr. Gabe Covo moved to rescind approval of the existing Study Guides and **to ban the use of them for education on judging Pekingese**. Tony Rosato seconded. The affirmative votes were Bessie Pickens, DeAnn Ulmer, Jean Pennell, Edie Jones, Gabe Covo, John French, Charlotte Karpinecz, Kaesi Cook, Tony Rosato, and Cliff Jones. Opposed: Larry Ulmer. This motion received the necessary 2/3's vote to rescind a motion previously adopted at a meeting. The Study Guides have been recalled, are now disapproved by PCA, and will be removed from circulation.