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Mr. Peter R. VanBrunt, President  
Westminster Kennel Club  
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Dear Mr. VanBrunt,

During the Terrier Group judging at your recent show in February 2009, the Airedale and the Cairn were sent out of the ring by the judge. Those of us, who understand the rules regarding dog shows, expected this to happen if those dogs won the Breed competition. For those who are novice to dog shows and their rules, this caused confusion and generated a lot of questions, which subsequently were directed to the Airedale Terrier Club of America Officers and Directors. Even though a brief explanation was given, it was viewed by many that the Airedale Terrier was excused due to a defect in the dog.

In the event that this situation should arise in the future, the Officers and Directors of ATCA would like to suggest that a better explanation be provided to the public. It was very disappointing that our favorite breed did not receive the normal amount of time in the ring to acknowledge the Breed win and to have the description of our breed read to the public.

Is it possible to allow the breed winner to remain in the ring, to be examined and moved, with the understanding that it will not receive further consideration in the group. This way the public and breed enthusiasts will have the opportunity to enjoy the breed and it also provides public education regarding our breed, which is so important at this time when there is so much negative publicity regarding certain breeds.

We recognize that this is a sensitive issue and that AKC rules must be followed. Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Virginia Latham Smith  
President