

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On behalf of the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. I am writing you in regards to a judging assignment at the Wichita Kennel Club on June 10,2021. Judge Bonnie Linnell Clarke disqualified 2 fox-red Labradors for incorrect color. The Labrador Standard clearly state that yellow may range in color from fox-red to light cream with variations in shading on the ears, back and underside of the dog. The sire of one of the disqualified bitches Ch Elkens Forged in Fire was just featured in Show Sight Magazine as an example of a beautiful, correct fox- red dog. The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc requests that the American Kennel Club revoke Ms.Clarke's approval to judge Labrador Retrievers. Ms. Clarke has obviously failed to read our breed standard and has not made any effort to educate herself. The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. consider correct color to be important and it is clearly a judge's responsibility to be aware of the acceptable colors in the breed. I appreciate your attention to this matter. Thank you

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