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Dear Mr. Thomas:

We are writing on behalf of the Officers and Directors of the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. regarding conformation breed judging which occurred at the Piedmont Kennel Club Show on July 24, 2015.

At that particular show which was judged by Judy Webb, a silver Labrador Retriever, JB's Rockin Rufus, SR823138/03 owned by Joyce Bynum was awarded a third place ribbon in his class of two.

The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. is disappointed, exasperated and frustrated that an AKC licensed judge would award any ribbon to a Labrador with a disqualifying fault. The Labrador Retriever Standard clearly states that the allowable colors are black, yellow and chocolate and that any other color is a disqualification. The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. has expended a tremendous amount of effort and education to alert the public that other colors absolutely are not allowed.

I am requesting that a bulletin be sent to all AKC licensed judges who currently are approved to judge Labradors that the silver color is an abomination in the Labrador world and is a disqualifying fault. Ms. Webb should be individually counseled to that effect.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and await your response.

Sincerely,

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