

What is the Puppy of Achievement certificate?

The purpose of this new certificate is to encourage and engage new exhibitors to compete in conformation.

How long is the pilot program going to last?

The pilot program will run for 1 year, starting September 1, 2017. At the end of one year, participants of the POA will be surveyed to determine the success of the program.

Will there be any grandfathering of POA points?

Puppy of Achievement points can be earned at events held on or after September 1, 2017. Since this program was not in existence prior to that date, there will be no grandfathering.

How many points are required for the Puppy of Achievement certificate?

A total of 10 points is required to achieve this certificate.

How are POA points earned?

Puppy of Achievement points are earned from the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy competition as well as from the regular Puppy, Puppy 6-9 Month, and Puppy 9-12 Month classes. Points are determined based on the number of puppies competing in a class. No points are awarded beyond the class level at regular shows (Puppy, Puppy 6-9 Month, and Puppy 9-12 Month).

At 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy competitions, points are awarded to each puppy awarded Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Opposite Sex, Group 1, and Best in Show. For complete details regarding points please review Section 3 of the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition Regulations.

What is the point schedule for POA points?

The point schedule for POA points is the same for all breeds/varieties regardless of division or sex. A dog can earn up to 3 POA points at an event.

Dogs Competing	Points
1-2	1
3-4	2
5 or more	3

What will clubs be responsible for regarding this pilot program?

This program does not require clubs, judges, or superintendents any further administrative work. There are no additional ribbons or markings in the judges' book required.