# Table & Ramp Breeds

## Table Breeds

### Non-Sporting

- American Eskimos
- Bichon Frise
- Boston Terrier
- Coton de Tulear
- French Bulldog
- Lhasa Apso
- Lowchen
- Miniature Poodle
- Norwegian Lundehund
- Schipperke
- Shiba Inu
- Tibetan Spaniel
- Tibetan Terrier
- Xoloitzcuintli (Toy and Miniatures)

### Sporting

- Boykin Spaniel (or Ground or Ramp)
- Cocker Spaniel
- English Cocker Spaniel
- Nederlandse Kooikerhondje

### Hounds

- Basenji
- All Beagles
- Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen (or Ground)
- All Dachshunds
- Portuguese Podengo Pequeno
- Whippet (or Ground or Ramp)

### Working - No Working Breeds on Table

### Herding

- Cardigan Welsh Corgi
- Miniature American Shepherd
- Pembroke Welsh Corgi
- Puli
- Pyrenean Shepherd
- Shetland Sheepdog
- Swedish Vallhund

### FSS / Miscellaneous Breeds

- Biewer Terrier
- Lancashire Heeler
- Mudi
- Peruvian Inca Orchid (Small and Medium)
- Russian Toy
- Teddy Roosevelt Terrier

### Toy - All Toy Breeds on Table

- American Water Spaniel
- Whippet (Ground/Table)
- Entlebucher Mountain Dog
- Finnish Lapphund
- Irish Terriers
- Kerry Blue Terrier
- Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
- Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- Finnish Spitz
- Keeshond

### Ramp Optional Breeds

At the discretion of the judge through all levels of competition including group and Best in Show judging.

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### Breeds That Must Be Judged on Ramp

 Applies to all conformation competition associated with AKC conformation dog shows or at any event at which an AKC conformation title may be earned.

- Sussex Spaniel
- Cirneco Dell’Etne (Eff. 6/2/20)
- Chinese Shar-Pei
- Basset Hound
- Bulldog
- Chow Chow

Breeds not listed above are to be judged on the ground.

*NOTE: Ramps can be used in emergency situations to judge any breed. See next page for additional information.*

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Use of Ramps: A Clarification

Background
The appropriate place to individually examine dogs during breed judging is designated by each parent club and AKC does not pre-empt their authority in this regard. Current list of table and ramp breeds may be found on the AKC website.

Table Breeds
Designated table breeds must be examined on an examination table. When re-examining them, they must be placed back on the table. No other breeds may be examined or otherwise considered during judging on an examination table. This does not apply to breeds that are eligible or required to be judged on the ramp during breed judging, when judging these breeds in the Group and/or Best in Show. Exception: Petit Basset Griffon Vendeens and Miniature Bull Terriers may be examined on the ground or the table.

Ramp Breeds
A judge requesting the use of a ramp must give notice to the show superintendent/show secretary prior to judging. AKC approval is not required. Designated ramp breeds may be examined on the ground or on a ramp during breed judging at the sole discretion of the judge and not the exhibitor. The entire entry in that breed is to be examined on the ground (table if applicable) or on a ramp. Effective January 1, 2015 the ramp will be available at the discretion of the judge for all ramp optional breeds through all levels of competition including group and Best in Show judging.

All Other Breeds
Breeds not designated as either table or ramp breeds may only be examined on the ground. Exception: Boykin Spaniels and Whippets may be examined on the ground, on a table or on a ramp.

Emergencies
In emergency situations, with the approval of the Show Chair, breeds customarily examined on the ground may be examined on a ramp, not on a table. An emergency is defined as a temporary condition that arose immediately prior to or at a dog show. Convalescence from a medical procedure, illness and recuperation from injuries are examples of conditions that are not emergencies. The emergency use of a ramp may be allowed on a day and may be extended to include a cluster as well as judging either a group and/or Best in Show.

When a ramp is used for non-ramp breeds in an emergency, the superintendent is to post appropriate signs at the ring and at the superintendent’s office that must include notice that exhibitors are entitled to a refund of their entry fee. Field Staff is directed to report all instances of the emergency use of a ramp to Events and Judging Operations. If there is need thereafter, the following weekend for example, as in the past, a formal accommodation must be requested from our legal department.

AKC complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and wants to provide to all the opportunity to participate in its events.

However, according to the “Fitness to Judge Policy” as published in the Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges, approved May, 2007, “It is essential that a dog show judge be physically capable of performing the functions necessary to properly judge dogs.” A judge must have:

- The flexibility to examine all parts of a dog’s anatomy where each breed is presented (i.e. on the ground, on a ramp or on a table).
- The capability of measuring or weighing a dog and examining on the ground, table or ramp where applicable.