

DOG SHOW RULES
AND
REGULATIONS

October 22, 1884

Second meeting of AKC. Rules and regulations part of Constitution and By-laws
(and first Rules and Regulations).

1. The term dog where used in these rules is general in its application, and includes bitches, unless they are otherwise mentioned.
2. All dogs entered for competition or exhibition only shall be entered in the name of the bona fide owner. Such entries must be identified by name of dog, its age, and, if known, the names of its sires and dam; if the name of the dog which has won a first prize has been changed, its name at the time of winning any and every such prize, and the place thereof, as well as its present name, must be given. If the names of sire and dam are not known, it may be entered "Pedigree unknown."
3. If a dog shall be entered without being identified, as directed in Rule 2, it shall be disqualified from competition.
4. Puppies may compete in grown classes, except in classes where they are specially excluded, and will be judged as if matured.
5. A dog which has when a puppy won a first prize in a puppy class, is not thereby disqualified from competition in a class where first-prize winners are excluded.
6. Dog can be entered for the special prizes when eligible, but they must in all cases be previously entered in their regular class.
7. No dog can be entered for competition in more than one regular class.
8. A dog to compete in the champion class must have won three first prizes in open classes at Bench Shows given under the auspices of clubs, members of this Association. And a dog having won three first prizes at above shows cannot compete in an open class when there is a champion class for its kind, but must compete in such champion class.
9. A dog to compete in the extra champion class must have won two first prizes in the champion classes at shows recognized in rule 99(sic), but it must have at least two competitors to advance its standing, otherwise it wins the prize alone. A dog having won two first prizes cannot compete in a champion class when there is an extra champion class for its kind, but must compete in such extra champion class.
10. A dog affected with mange or other contagious disease shall be disqualified from competition and may, at the discretion of the Managers or Superintendent, be removed from the show. A competent person shall be appointed by the managers to pass judgment as to the disease of dogs.
11. In any class where there is one or more dogs entered, the judge shall award the prizes only according to merit, withholding such as his judgment dictates.
12. The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion can be shown. In such case the Managers, or such referee as they may appoint, must decide all cases, and the dog may be rejudged.
13. All disputed questions, except those of merit, in any way connected with the judging will be referred to, and decided by, the Managers.

14. No question involving the merit of a dog to receive a prize can be brought before, or by determined by, the Managers.
15. All protests and charges must be made in writing, and be delivered to the Managers or Superintendents as soon as possible after the awards are made.
16. The Managers will meet daily to receive complaints, and must decide the same as soon as practicable thereafter during the show.
17. Any person who misconducts himself or herself, or has misconducted himself or herself in any way in connection with dogs, dog shows or field trials, may, in the discretion of the Managers, be disqualified from exhibition or competition at these shows. Such disqualification shall be recognized by all the members of this Association, and such person can only be reinstated by the club or association disqualifying him or her. The person disqualified may appeal to the Executive Committee.
18. The Managers or Superintendents shall have the right to exclude or remove any dog from the show for any cause appearing to them to be sufficient.
19. The Managers or Superintendents will use due diligence for the care and safety of all dog exhibited. Watchmen will be kept on duty day and night, but it must be distinctly understood by all exhibitors that the management will not be responsible for loss or damage to any dog exhibited, when the result of accident or other cause.
20. It is desired that with each entry the exhibitor will state the price for which he will sell his dog. A prohibitory price will be permitted. All transactions must be between the owners or his representatives and the purchaser. The Managers or Superintendents, unless requested, will not interfere nor assume any responsibility in the matter.
21. An entry fee of Will be charged for each dog entered, and it must in all cases accompany the entry. It includes care and feed for dogs during the exhibition.
22. All entries must be made on blanks furnished by the Superintendent, and can be had on application at his office.
23. The entries close on ... and as soon thereafter as practicable each exhibitor will receive a ticket of identification, and a numbered tag corresponding with the stall number of his dog. When the dog is brought to the exhibition hall the tag must be attached to the collar, and the person accompanying the dog must show his ticket of identification before the animal will be received. Therefore, exhibitors are requested not to loss their tags, nor to put them on the dogs, when practicable, until just before presenting them at the door. In case of dogs coming by express, the tags must be firmly nailed to the crates.
24. Each exhibitor will receive a ticket of identification for all dogs entered, which must be carefully preserved, as no dog will be permitted to pass out of the building at night until its owner shall deposit \$5 and surrender this ticket to the check clerk, both of which will be returned on the return of the dog next morning before 9 o'clock. If prize winners are taken and not returned, the prizes awarded them will be forfeited.
25. No dogs will be received unless supplied with a suitable collar and chain.
26. The show will be open from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M. each day.

27. The judging will commence promptly each morning at 10 o'clock, or sooner if practicable, and continue until 1 o'clock, and also from 2 P.M. until 6 P.M. During these hours no dog shall be taken from its stall, not even by its owner, and if any dog is not found in its stall when called for by the judge, the judging will proceed without it. The rule will be rigidly enforced that the judging may not be retarded. Owners are requested to be near their dogs, and when the class is called to bring their animals into the judging ring. In the absence of the owner, attendants will take the dog into the ring.
28. Notice of the awards will be attached to the stalls of the prize winners as soon as practicable after the awards are made.
29. Exhibitors will be furnished with a season ticket free.
30. No dog can be permanently removed from the building except by consent of the Managers or Superintendents.
31. Dogs shipped by express must be prepaid and have a label stating from whom shipped, also name of station and express company, that they may be properly returned.
32. Previous prize winnings, pedigrees or other mention, shall not be posted in kennels of prize winning dogs until after their respective classes have been judged.
33. Each member of the Association shall appoint their judges, arrange prize lists, form of catalogues, assume its own financial responsibility and arrange such other details as may properly come under its individual management.
34. Other rules and regulations not inconsistent with the constitution and by-laws may be adopted by the members of this Association.