

**DOG SHOW RULES  
AND  
REGULATIONS  
February 1, 1890**

- I. The word “dog” where used in these rules includes both sexes.
- II. Every dog entered at any show held under these rules must be registered with the secretary of the American Kennel Club for publication in the Kennel Gazette, (official blanks will be furnished on application to any show secretary or by the American Kennel Club, 44 Broadway, N.Y.) The cost of such registration is 25 cents and the penalty for non-registration is disqualification and the forfeiture of entry fee and any prizes won at a show.
- III. Every dog entered at any show held under these rules must be the bona fide property of the person making such entry on the day of closing the entries. The entry must clearly identify the dog to be exhibited by name, and, if known, its date of birth, name of its sire and dam, and the name of its breeder; should any of these particulars be unknown to the exhibitor, it must be so stated on the entry blank and inserted in the Catalogue.
- No club shall receive an entry not marked registered unless the same shall be accompanied by the fee of 25 cents under penalty of a fine of \$5 for each offense, which fine shall be collected by and paid to the secretary-treasurer of the American Kennel Club. Any club in arrears for this, or any other amount, for a period of thirty days, shall be at once suspended. Failure to pay such penalty within sixty days, the club may be expelled.
- Dog already registered in the American Kennel Club Stud-Book shall be exempt from the registration required in Rule 2, but in all such cases the Stud-Book No. of the dog must be given, with the entry, to the secretary of the show, and must by him be published in the Catalogue. Registry in the Stud-Book can be made only under the following conditions:
- 1<sup>st</sup>. Where sire and dam are already registered, or are directly descended from Dogs already registered in said book.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>. Where dogs possess an authenticated pedigree extending back three Generations.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>. Where dogs (not eligible under the provisions as above required), have won Not less than two first prizes in the regular classes at any show, or have been Placed at any field trial recognized by the American Kennel Club – Novice, Miscellaneous and Selling classes not included.
  - 4<sup>th</sup>. After January 1, 1890, all dogs wining a prize at any American Kennel Club Show, or field trial, may be registered in the Stud-Book without charge Provided they are eligible under above conditions.
- IV. If the name of a Dog which has won a prize has been changed, the old name must be given on the entry blanks and inserted in the Catalogue, together with a list of all prizes won by the dog, until such time as it wins a prize under its new name.

**Deleted:** the bona-fide property of the person making such entry, on the day of closing the entries, and *must be registered* with the American Kennel Club, on official blanks to be furnished on application; such registry shall be published in the AMERICAN KENNEL GAZETTE. A fee of twenty-five cents must in all cases accompany the application. In case a dog has not been registered as above required, previous to date of entry to a show, the owner must remit the fee (twenty-five cents), together with show entry to Secretary of the Show, who shall mark the dog as registered in the catalogue, and forward said entry on an official blank, properly filled out, together with the registration fee, to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club within ten (10) days of the closing of the show. The entry must clearly identify the dog to be exhibited by name, and, if known, its date of birth, name of its Sire and Dam, and the name of its breeder, should any of these particulars be unknown to the exhibitor it must be so stated on the entry blank and inserted in the Catalogue.

- V. If a Dog has been entered without being clearly identified, as directed in Rules 2 and 3, it may be disqualified and forfeit any prize which may have been awarded to it.
- VI. The breeder of a Dog is the person owning or leasing the bitch at the time of her being bred.
- VII. A Puppy is eligible for competition in the Open Class, as well as the Puppy Class, but a separate entry must be made for each Class.
- VIII. The authorities of any Show may reserve to themselves the right of declining any entries they may see fit, or of removing any Dog on account of disease, vice or other cause.
- IX. A duly qualified veterinary surgeon must be appointed at each show held under these rules. Each dog received at a show must be passed upon by him before being benched.

A duly qualified veterinary surgeon is one who has been properly educated in some reputable college or university, entitled to confer the degree of V.S., and has received a diploma from the same, or, one who without ever having held a diploma, has had at least five years practical experience to fit him for the practice of his profession.

Any club neglecting to enforce this rule shall, upon satisfactory evidence, be fined not less than \$5, nor more than \$50, as may appear proper to the Executive Committee of the American Kennel Club.

- X. A castrated Dog or spayed Bitch shall be disqualified, and forfeit any prize which may have been awarded it.
- XI. Total blindness, deafness or lameness shall absolutely disqualify. If the judge or veterinary surgeon is satisfied that the deafness or lameness is temporary, the dog shall be allowed to compete.
- XII. A Dog suffering from mange or any contagious disease shall be disqualified, and forfeit any prize which may have been awarded to it, and shall be removed at once from the show room. The regularly appointed veterinary surgeon shall alone decide as to mange or contagious disease, and his decision must be given in writing.
- XIII. A judge may disqualify a Dog which in his opinion has been improperly tampered with, subject to the decision of the veterinary surgeon, should the judge's disqualification not be sustained, the class must be immediately rejudged.
- XIV. Full discretionary power is given to the judge of each class to withhold any or all prizes for want of merit. The judge's decision will be final in all cases affecting the merits of the Dog, and appeals can only be entertained where misrepresentation or breach of the rules is discovered.

XV. Should an appointed judge be unable to fulfill his engagements the Committee shall have the right to fill the vacancy in such manner as they see fit. All the separate classes of any one breed of dog must, however, be adjudicated upon by the same judge, or judges acting in conjunction.

XVI. In any class where there is a limit of weight, the person in charge of a Dog entered in such class may claim of the show committee the right, at any time before the judging, to have his Dog weighed and the weight of the dog shall be registered and hold good at the time of judging.

XVII. Bench show committees may provide for the following classes:

Miscellaneous classes

Selling classes

Novice classes

Puppy classes

Open classes

Challenge classes

1<sup>st</sup>. The Miscellaneous class shall be understood to comprise all pure breeds of Dogs, for which no regular class has been provided for in the premium list.

2<sup>nd</sup>. The Selling class must be for dogs to be sold for a maximum price, to be stated in the premium list. An exhibitor may catalogue his dog in this class For any sum less than the maximum.

3<sup>rd</sup>. The Novice class shall be understood to be for a recognized breed for which a regular class has been provided, and for competition in which a Dog shall not have won a prize at any American Kennel Club, or which has not won a prize in a recognized show held in England or Canada.

4<sup>th</sup>. The Puppy class shall be for dog of any age, which have not already qualified for the Challenge class and for which no challenge class has been provided.

5<sup>th</sup>. The Open class shall be for all dogs of any age, which have not already qualified for the Challenge class and for which no challenge class has been provided.

6<sup>th</sup>. The Challenge class shall be for all dogs having won four first prizes in the open classes. A dog having won three first prizes in this class shall have the privilege of the title of Champion, without further competition.

All dogs qualified to compete in a Champion class previous to January 1, 1889, shall compete in the Challenge class. The winnings referred to in these rules apply only to shows recognized by the American Kennel Club, a list of which, together with these rules, must be published in the premium list and catalogue of each show.

XVIII. In estimating the number of prizes a dog has won with reference to whether it should compete in a Challenge Class or not, the number of prizes won shall be calculated up to 12 P.M. of the day preceding the closing of the entries of the Show. If a dog wins a first prize that will make it eligible to the Challenge class,

between the date of closing of entries and the day previous to the opening of a Show, the dog shall not be transferred to the said Challenge Class.

- XIX. In entering a dog in a Challenge Class it is necessary to specify on the entry blank a sufficient number of first prize winnings to entitle him to compete in such classes, as required by these rules, and this record must be given in the Catalogue.
- XX. If a first prize winner is disqualified, the next dog in order to merit as place by the Judge shall be considered first, and the win shall count in every respect the same as if it had been the original award. An equal prize shall be counted as a win for both dogs.
- XXI. No dog eligible for special prizes can be withdrawn from competition, unless it Has been stated on entry blanks, "Will not compete for special prizes."
- XXII. No special prizes can be accepted or offered by a show committee after the Regular judging has commenced.
- XXIII. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the day preceding the Show; for instance: A dog whelped April 30<sup>th</sup>, shall not be eligible on May 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year to compete in a class for dogs under 12 months of age.
- XXIV. An objection to a dog may be made by an exhibitor, or any member of a club, a Member of this Association, but must be in writing, and be lodged with the Secretary within seven days of the last day of the show. No objection shall be Entertained unless accompanied by a deposit of \$5.00, except in the case of objection lodged in the name of the American Kennel Club, which may be made at any time.

The Show Committee shall at once meet and decide upon any objection lodged during the Show, and from their decision an appeal may at once be taken to the local delegate or to any member of the Executive Committee of the American Kennel Club, who may be called upon by the Show Committee, provided any such member is not on the Show Committee. If the second decision is adverse to the appelland, the deposit of \$5.00 is thereby forfeited to the Show Committee.

Immediately upon the lodging of a protest with the secretary during a show it shall be his duty to request the judge to select reserve numbers, if he has not already done so, in order that any prize or prizes which would be affected by the disqualification of the protested dog may not fail of being awarded.

If the objection is lodged subsequent to the show, it must be decided by the Committee within twenty days from its receipt. Five days' notice of the date and place of meeting for that purpose must be given to all parties in interest. From any decision or decisions appeal may be taken to the full Executive Committee of the American Kennel Club. Such appeal must be sent to the Secretary within seven

days of the decision being rendered, together with a deposit of \$10. If the decision appealed from is sustained the \$10 deposit shall be forfeited to the American Kennel Club, but if the decision is reversed then all deposits must be returned to the applicant.

XXV. Any person who has been guilty of misconduct of any kind in connection with Dogs, Dog Shows or Field Trials, may be suspended by the president of the American Kennel Club, or, in his absence, by the vice-president, or by the Committee of the show where the offense was committed. Notice of such suspension must be forwarded within twenty-four hours to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club. The Secretary of the American Kennel Club shall at once notify the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, who shall investigate the case, if he sees fit, suspend the penalty until the next meeting of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee must, in every case of suspension, at their first meeting thereafter either remove the same or impose a penalty of disqualification for such a period as they may decide upon. The disqualification of an owner shall apply to all Dogs connected with the perpetration of a fraudulent act. The Committee of the American Kennel Club, are, however, empowered to use such discretion in the enforcement of this penalty as shall protect innocent parties.

Any person may prefer charges against any other person before the American Kennel Club, provided said charges be in writing, and they shall be heard at the first opportunity by the Advisory Committee, from whose decision, however, an appeal may be taken to the full Executive Committee.

No person shall, however, be disqualified or debarred without due notice, and formal charges and specifications, and an opportunity given of being heard in his own defence, and the American Kennel Club will not recognize any exparte proceedings on the part of any club.

XXVI. No person under suspension or sentence of disqualification can exhibit or take a Prize or act as agent for any person at any show held by a member of the American Kennel Club.

No person that has been expelled from a club, a member of the American Kennel Club, can be employed in any official capacity at any show, held under these rules, under penalty of suspension of the club so employing him.

XXVII. Entries made in the name of a kennel must be accompanied by the name of the Actual proprietor or proprietors, but not necessarily for publication. The partners In a kennel will be deemed equally culpable in the case of fraud in the kennel Name.

XXVIII. The secretary of every show must forward to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club a copy of the Premium List of the proposed Show as soon as sent to Exhibitors, which must contain a list of officials under whose management the Show is to be held. The date of closing entries shall not be changed or extended

Beyond the original date as advertised in the premium list. Any club receiving any entries after the original published date of closing shall be expelled.

Each of these officials, except paid employees, shall be held personally responsible for the payment of all prizes within sixty days from the last Day of the show. The Secretary of the American Kennel Club shall upon evidence being produced that any such prize or prizes remain unpaid, issue notice of suspension of each and every official, and otherwise proceed as provided for in Rule 25. The secretary of every show must also forward to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club, a duly certified copy of the judge's awards within five days of the Closing of each show.

And no club shall insist on a date of conflicting with one already claimed, under Penalty of suspension.

All dates claimed for Shows and Field Trials must be filed with the secretary of The American Kennel Club and by him published in the *American Kennel Gazette*.

XXIX. The person presenting the identification ticket shall be recognized as the agent Of the owner in the latter's absence, and his receipt for prize money shall be Binding on the owner, unless notice to the contrary is endorsed on the Identification ticket.

XXX. The prizes offered by the club or committee in charge of a show must be paid in Accordance with the description given of them in the Premium List. Medals of Silver or gold must be of the purity of United States Coin.

XXXI. Only winnings under American Kennel Club Rules will be permitted in Catalogues, but it is optional with bench show committees to publish any wins Other than challenge classes, etc., as provided for in rule 19.

Only American Kennel Club Stud-Book numbers shall be published in Catalogues.

The list of shows recognized by the American Kennel Club must be published in The Premium Lists. It must be revised to include all shows to be held.

XXXII. Show committees may adopt such regulations to govern their show as they deem Fit, provided they do not conflict with any of the foregoing rules.

#### RECOGNIZED SHOWS

Albany Kennel Club, 1889  
Baltimore Kennel Club, 1887  
Boston, Massachusetts Kennel Club, 1878 to 1882, inclusive  
Boston, New England Kennel Club, 1885 to 1887 inclusive  
Chicago, 1876, 1883, 1884  
Chicago, Illinois Kennel Club, 1885  
Cincinnati, 1884  
Cincinnati Sportman's Club, 1885, 1888

Columbus Fancier's Club, 1889  
[Connecticut State Kennel Club, Danbury, Conn., 1889](#)  
[Continental Kennel Club, Denver, Co., 1889](#)  
Detroit, 1879  
Detroit, Michigan Kennel Club, 1887  
Fort Schuyler Kennel Club, Utica, New York, 1889  
Fox Terrier Club, 1886, 1887 and 1888  
Hartford Kennel Club, 1886 and 1887  
Hornell Kennel Club (Hornellsville), 1886 and 1887  
London, Ont., prior to 1886  
Lynn, Mass. 1889  
Manitoba Pet Stock Association, 1885  
Mascoutah, Chicago, 1889  
Meriden, prior to 1885  
Milwaukee Kennel Club, 1886 and 1887  
Montreal, 1883 and 1884  
New Haven Kennel Club, 1884 and 1886  
New Jersey Kennel Club (Newark and Waverly), 1886 and 1887  
New Orleans, 1883 and 1884  
New York Westminster Kennel Club, 1877-1889, inclusive  
New York Fancier's Club, 1886  
National Poultry and Bench Association, Atlanta, GA., 1888  
Ottawa, Province, Ontario, 1883  
Philadelphia Kennel Club, 1879 to 1887  
Philadelphia National Breeders' Show, 1884  
Pittsburg, Western Penna, Poultry Society, 1881 to 1887  
Pacific Kennel Club, 1888  
Rennsalaer Kennel Club, 1889  
Rhode Island Kennel Club, 1887  
Richmond Co. Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Augusta, Ga., 1888  
Rochester Kennel Club, 1889  
St. John, N.B., 1886  
St. Paul and Minnesota Kennel Club, 1887  
St. Louis Kennel Club, 1879 and 1880  
St. Louis Gun Club, 1884 and 1885  
Syracuse Kennel Club, 1888  
[Toledo Kennel Co. Toledo, Ohio, 1889](#)  
Toronto, Ont., 1880 (Fair Grounds, 1884, 1885 (Horticultural Gardens)  
Virginia Field Sports' Association, 1888  
Washington, 1883 and 1884  
Worcester, Mass. 1889