

RULES
For the Government of Dog Shows, as Adopted by the
AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

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(These Rules were to be included in Premium List)

- I. The word “dog” where used in these rules includes both sexes.
- II. Every dog shown under these rules must either be registered in the Stud Book, or listed in The Gazette. The fee for registration is \$1, and for listing twenty-five cents. The penalty for non-compliance with this rule is the disqualification of the entry and the forfeiture of entry fee and any prizes won at a show.
- III. Exhibitors must abide by their own errors in making out their entry forms. Show officials cannot transfer a dog that has been wrongly entered.
- IV. Every dog entered must be the *bona fide* property of the person making such entry on the day of closing the entries. If an entry is made in the name of an agent, and the name of owner not given, the dog shall be disqualified. 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. If the dog is already registered in the American Kennel Club Stud Book, the Stud Book number of the dog should be given with the entry.
- V. 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 published, 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: inserted
- VI. If a Dog has been entered without being clearly identified, as directed in Rules IV. And V., it may be disqualified and forfeit any prize which may have been awarded to it. Deleted: III,
- VII. The breeder of a Dog is the person owning or leasing the bitch at the time of her being bred.
- 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. Blindness, deafness, lameness castration or spaying shall absolutely disqualify, except that if the judge or veterinary surgeon is satisfied that the deafness or lameness be temporary the dog shall be allowed to complete.

A deaf dog is defined as one that cannot hear the ordinary methods of command.

A dog suffering from any hereditary, contagious or objectionable disease shall be disqualified and forfeit the prize which may be awarded to it, and shall be at once removed from the show building. A regularly appointed veterinary surgeon shall alone decide as to the condition of the dog, and his decision must be given in writing.

X. Should an appointed judge be unable to fill his engagement the committee shall have the right to fill the vacancy. All separate classes of any breed of dogs must, however, be adjudicated upon by the same judge or judges acting in conjunction.

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 dogs, and appeals can only be entertained where misrepresentation or breach of the rules is alleged.

A judge shall disqualify a dog which in his opinion has been improperly tampered with, subject to the decision of the veterinary surgeon. Should the judge's disqualifications not be sustained, the class must be rejudged.

XI. 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 after the opening of the show and before the judging, to have the dog weighed, and the weight of the dog shall be registered and hold good at the time of judging. Any competing exhibitor or handler shall have the right to demand the weighing of any dog during the judging of the class, other than those whose weight has been officially registered. Any subsequent protest must be made in the formal manner provided for in these rules.

XII. Dog show committees may provide such classes for dogs of recognized breeds as they choose, provided they do not conflict with the conditions of the undermentioned classes.

1. The Puppy Class shall be for all dogs over six months and under twelve months of age, and no entry can be made of one under six months, or whose date of birth is unknown/
2. The Novice Class shall be for all dogs never having won a first prize at any recognized show, wins in the puppy class excepted.
3. The Junior Class shall be for all dogs never having won four first prizes at any recognized show, wins in the puppy classes excepted.
4. The Senior Club shall be for all dogs having won four or more first prizes at any recognized show, wins in the puppy and novice classes excepted. In entering a dog in the Senior Class, it is necessary to specify on the entry blank a sufficient number of first prize winnings, giving name and year of show, to entitle it to compete in such class, until such time as it has won in a Senior Class, after which, one Senior win shall be sufficient. These wins must be published in the catalogue.

5. The Free-for-All Class shall be for all dogs of an age over six months. No prize winner shall be debarred from competing.
6. All shows offering cash prizes for three of the above classes, for any one breed, one of which must be the Free-for-All Class, shall empowered to provide for that breed a Winners' Class for the dogs which have won the first prizes in said classes, and the winner of three first prizes in such Winners' classes will thereby become a Champion of Record, and be so registered by the American Kennel Club. No class winner can be withdrawn from competition in the Winners' Class. No entry fee shall be charged for exhibits in the Winners' Class.
"A dog that has already won one or more firsts in the Challenge Class shall retain these wins to his credit toward becoming Champion of Record, the remaining qualifying wins to be gained in the Winners' Class."
7. The Miscellaneous Class shall be open to all dogs of established Breeds for which no regular class has been provided in the premium list. Entries in this class must specify the breed of the exhibit. Failure to comply with this condition shall disqualify the dog, and cancel the award.

XIII. In estimating the number of prizes a dog has won, no award received by it, on or after the date of closing of the entries shall be counted.

XIV. If a prize winner is disqualified, the next dog in order of merit as placed by the Judge shall be given the prize thus forfeited, and the win shall count in every respect the same as if it has been the original award. An equal first prize shall be counted as a win for each dog, dividing first and second money; the next dog in order of merit receiving third prize.

All prize money must be returned to the show officials in case the dog shall be disqualified by the American Kennel Club subsequent to the closing of the show.

XV. No dog eligible for special prizes can be withdrawn from competition unless it has been stated on the entry blanks, "Will not compete for special prizes." No special prizes can be accepted or offered by a show committee after the show has opened.

XVI. The age of the dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the day preceding the show; for instance, a dog whelped April 30 shall not be eligible on May 1 of the following year to compete for dogs under twelve months of age.

XVII. A objection to a dog may be made by any 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, (to be returned in case the protest is sustained) except the same is lodged by the Secretary of the American Kennel Club, which may

be made at any time. (For subsequent proceedings in protest see Rule XIV, of club regulations.)

XVIII. A person 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 or trial where the offense was committed. The disqualification of an owner shall apply to all dogs owned by him or connected with the perpetration of a fraudulent act.

XIX. No person under suspension or sentence of disqualification can make an entry, exhibit, or take a prize, act as agent for an exhibitor, or take a dog in the judging ring, at any show held by a member of the American Kennel Club. The privileges of the Stud Book are withheld from all persons under suspension or disqualification, for registration of dogs owned or bred by them.

XX. 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 perpetrated in their name.

XXI. 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.

XXII. The Secretary of the American Kennel Club must cancel all wins, when he has satisfied himself that these rules have been violated by the exhibitor, in the following instances.

When a dog has not be registered or listed.

When a dog has been entered in the name of an agent only.

When a dog has been pronounced deaf by competent authority.

When a puppy is entered, being, under six months of age, or as date of birth unknown.

When a dog is entered in the Novice Class, having previously won a first prize.

When a dog is entered in the Junior Class, having previously won four or more first prizes.

When a dog is entered in the Senior Class, having won less than four first prizes.

When a dog is entered in the Miscellaneous Class and the breed is not specified or recognized.

When a dog, by authority of its owner, is led into the judging ring by, or is in charge of, a person not in good standing.

When a dog is entered by an owner or his agent, if either is not in good standing.

XXIII. The above rules must be published in all Premium Lists of shows held by members of the American Kennel Club.

ADDITIONAL RULES

- I. No dog will be received before Tuesday, January 4.
- II. The Superintendent will use due diligence for the care and safety of all dogs exhibited. Watchman 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, whether the result of accident or other cause.
- III. 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 owner or his representative, and the purchaser. The Superintendent, unless requested, will not interfere or assume any responsibility in the matter.
- IV. An entrance fee of \$2 will be charged for each entry in the regular or \$1 in the local classes. The entry fee must in all cases accompany the entry, and includes care and feed of dogs during the exhibition.
- V. All entries must be made on blanks furnished by the Superintendent and can be had on application at his office.
- VI. The entries close on Monday, December 27, 1897, and as soon thereafter as practicable each exhibitor will receive a ticket of identification and 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 ticket of identification before the animal will be received. Therefore, exhibitors are requested not to lose their tag not 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, and when there are more than one of the same breed in one crate, duplicate tags should be made out and attached to their collars.
- VII. 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 nine o'clock. If prize-winners are taken out and not returned, the prizes awarded them will be forfeited. A season ticket will be issued to each exhibitor free, and will be for his or her individual use only. The ticket will be forfeited if transferred.
- VIII. No exhibitor will be permitted to change the number or stall of his dog.
- IX. No dog will be received unless supplied with a suitable collar and chain.
- X. The show will be open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. each day.
- XI. The judging will commence promptly Tuesday, April 4th, at 10 o'clock. During the hours of judging 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. This 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 dogs into the judging-rig. In the absence of the owner attendants will take the dog into the ring.

XII. Puppies may be permanently removed from the show at any time after their classes have been judged, whatever those classes may be. This privilege is granted on the understanding that all exhibitors of puppies shall apply to the Dog Show Committee or the Superintendent of the Show for a permit so to do, and upon delivering up their identification ticket.

XIII. No dogs shall be admitted to the judging-rings at any time during