

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 listing of a dog gives the privilege for competition, only for the year in which it is listed.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Deleted: 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.

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. It shall be the duty of dog show committees to bench all dogs of a breed together, when owned and entered by one exhibitor, provided a request for same be made on the entry form. 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 Limit Class shall be for all dogs never having won four first prizes at any recognized show, wins in the puppy classes and novice classes excepted.
4. The Open Class shall be for all dogs of any age over six months. No prize winner shall be debarred from competing.
5. The Winners' Class shall be open only to the winners of first prizes at any show, giving at least three of the before mentioned classes, one of which must be the Open Class, and the winner of three first prizes in this class will thereby become a Champion of

Record, be so registered by the American Kennel Club, and if registered in the Stud Book will be entitled to the American Kennel Club medal. Before awarding "reserve" in this class, the dog or dogs having placed second to the winner in any of the regular classes must be brought before the judge for competition with the remaining dogs in said competition in this class. A dog that has already won one or more first prizes in the late challenge class shall retain these wins to its credit, toward becoming a champion of record, and the remaining qualifying wins to be gained in the Winners' Class. The Winners' Class can be divided by sex, provided the required three classes, as advertised are also divided by sex. 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 be 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 or club 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 and no dog so disqualified is eligible for entry at any show under any ownership.

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 (puppy wins excepted).

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.

When a dog is entered in the Limit Class having previously won four or more first prizes (puppy and novice wins excepted).

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

Recognized Shows and Trials

March, 1898

Akron (Ohio) – Akron Poultry and Kennel Club, 1893, 1894
 Albany, (N.Y.) – Albany Kennel Club, 1889
 Albany (N.Y.) – New England Poultry and Kennel Club, 1892
 Atlanta (Ga.) – National Poultry and Bench Association, 1888
 Augusta (Ga.) – Richmond County Poultry and Pet Stock Association, 1888
 Augusta (Ga.) – Georgia Poultry and Pet Stock Association, 1890
 Baltimore (Md.) – Baltimore Kennel Club, 1878
 Baltimore (Md.) – Maryland Kennel Club, 1890 to 1893 inclusive
 Baltimore (Md.) – Baltimore Kennel Association, 1891, 1898
 Binghamton (N.Y.) – Delaware and Susquehanna Poultry and Pet Stock Association, 1891, 1892
 Binghamton (N.Y.) – Binghamton Industrial Exposition, 1896, 1897
 Boston, (Mass.) – Massachusetts Kennel Club, 1878 to 1892 inclusive
 Boston, (Mass.) – New England Kennel Club, 1885 to 1887 inclusive and 1889 to 1898 inclusive
 Brookline (Mass.) – New England Kennel Club Terrier Show, 1894
 Brooklyn (N.Y.) – National Greyhound Club, 1892
 Brooklyn (N.Y.) – Metropolitan Kennel Club, 1896, 1897
 Buffalo (N.Y.) – Buffalo Kennel Club, 1890
 Cedar Rapids (Iowa) – Cedar Rapids Kennel Club, 1898
 Charleston (S.C.) – South Carolina Poultry and Pet Stock Association, 1889 to 1892 inclusive
 Chicago (Ill.) – 1876, 1883, 1884
 Chicago (Ill.) – Illinois Kennel Club, 1885
 Chicago (Ill.) – Mascoutah Kennel Club, 1889 to 1892 inclusive and 1894 to 1897, inclusive
 Cincinnati (Ohio) – 1884

Cincinnati (Ohio) – Cincinnati Sportsman’s Club, 1885, 1888
Cincinnati (Ohio) – Cincinnati Kennel Club, 1890
Cohoes (N.Y.) Mohawk Kennel Club, 1896
Columbus (Ohio) – Columbus Fanciers Club, 1889, 1894
Cleveland, (Ohio) – 1882, 1884
Cleveland (Ohio) – Cleveland Kennel Club, 1886, 1891
Dallas, Texas, 1898
Danbury (Conn.) – Connecticut State Kennel Club, 1889
Danbury (Conn.) – Danbury Agricultural Society, 1893 to 1897 inclusive
Denver (Col.) – Continental Kennel Club, 1889 to 1893 inclusive
Denver (Col.) – Western Kennel Club Co., 1894, 1895
Des Moines (Iowa) – Des Moines Kennel Club, 1894
Detroit (Mich.) – 1879
Detroit (Mich.) – Michigan Kennel Club, 1887, 1890
Detroit (Mich.) – City of the Straits Kennel Club, 1893 and 1896 inclusive
Elmira (N.Y.) – Elmira Poultry and Pet Stock Association, 1889
Elmira (N.Y.) – Elmira Kennel Club, 1893
Fox Terrier Club (American) Specialty Shows, 1886, to 1888, inclusive
Freeport (Ind.) - Freeport Poultry and Pet Stock Association, 1891
Gloversville (N.Y.) – Mohawk Valley Poultry and Kennel Club, 1891, 1893
Grand Rapids (Mich.) – Western Michigan Kennel Club, 1892
Grand Rapids (Mich.) – Butterfly Bench Show Association, 1896, 1898
Greenville (S.C.) – South Carolina Kennel Association, 1891
Hartford (Conn.) – Hartford Kennel Club, 1886, 1887
Hamilton (Canada) – Hamilton Kennel Club, 1891
Hornellsville (N.Y.) – Hornell Kennel Club, 1886, 1887
Indianapolis (Ind.) – Illindio Kennel Club, 1893
Jackson (Mich.) – Central City Kennel Club, 1891, 1892
Kansas City (Mo.) – Kansas City Kennel Club, 1897, 1898
Kingston (Canada) – Kingston Kennel Club, 1890 to 1892 inclusive
Lewiston (Me.) – Androscoggin Kennel Club, 1892
Lexington (Ky.) – Blue Grass Kennel Club, 1891, 1893
London (Canada) – Prior to 1886; 1888 to 1890 inclusive
Los Angeles (Cal.) – Southern California Kennel Club, 1889 to 1897 inclusive
Louisville (Ky.) – Louisville Kennel Club, 1894
Louisville (Ky.) – Kentucky Kennel Club, 1897
Lynn (Mass.) – Massachusetts Kennel Club, Lynn, Mass., 1889, 1891
Manitoba (Canada) – Manitoba Pet Stock Association, 1885
Meriden (Conn.) – Prior to 1885
Milwaukee (Wis.) – Milwaukee Kennel Club, 1886, 1887
Milwaukee (Wis.) – Milwaukee Kennel and Pet Stock Association, 1895, 1896, 1897
Minneapolis (Minn.) – Northwestern Kennel Club, 1897
Mineola (L.I.) – Queens County Agricultural Society, 1896
Montreal (Canada) – 1883, 1884, 1891
Mount Holly (N.J.) – Burlington County Agricultural Society, 1892, 1893
Nanuet (N.Y.) – National Beagle Club, 1892

Nashville (Tenn.) – Hermitage Kennel Club, 1892
Newark (N.J.) – New Jersey Kennel Club, 1886, 1887
Newark (N.J.) – New Jersey Kennel League, 1893
New Haven (Conn.) – New Haven Kennel Club, 1884 to 1886 inclusive
New Orleans (La.) – 1883
New Orleans (La.) – Louisiana Poultry and Pet Stock Association, 1891
New Orleans (La.) – New Orleans Fanciers' Club, 1894
New York (N.Y.) – Westminster Kennel Club, 1877 to 1898, inclusive
New York (N.Y.) – Fanciers' Club, 1896
New York (N.Y.) – National Greyhound Club, 1891
New York (N.Y.) – American Pet Dog Club, 1891
New York (N.Y.) – Specialty Show (St. Bernard Club; Collie Club; American Fox Terrier Club; American Spaniel Club; Bull Dog Club), 1894
New York (N.Y.) – French Bull Dog Club, 1898
New York (N.Y.) – Bull Terrier Club of America, 1898
Oakland (Cal.) – Alameda County Sportsman's Association, 1894, 1896
Oakland (Cal.) – Oakland Kennel Club, 1897
Omaha (Neb.) – Omaha Kennel Club, 1892, 1895
Ottawa (Canada) – Ottawa Kennel Club, 1883, 1889 to 1892 inclusive
Pawtucket (R.I.) – Rhode Island Poultry Association, 1892, 1893, 1897
Pittsburg (Pa.) – Western Pennsylvania Poultry Society, 1881 to 1887 inclusive
Pittsburg (Pa.) – Duquesne Kennel Club, 1891, 1892, 1895, 1897
Philadelphia (Pa.) – Philadelphia Kennel Club, 1879 to 1889 inclusive, 1894, 1896
Philadelphia (Pa.) – National Breeders' Association, 1884
Philadelphia (Pa.) – Keystone Kennel Club, 1892
Providence (R.I.) – Rhode Island Kennel Club, 1887
Providence (R.I.) – Rhode Island State Fair Association, 1893 to 1896 inclusive
Richmond (N.Y.) – Virginia Field Sports Association, 1888
Rochester (N.Y.) – Rochester Kennel Club, 1889, 1890, 1892
Rockford (Ill.) – Northern Illinois (Poultry and Pet Stock Association), 1890, 1891
Sacramento (Cal.) – California State Poultry and Kennel Club, 1897, 1898
San Francisco (Cal.) California Kennel Club, 1886, 1891, 1892
San Francisco (Cal.) – Pacific Kennel Club, 1888, 1890, 1893, 1895, 1896
San Francisco (Cal.) – San Francisco Kennel Club, 1897
San Jose (Cal.) – Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Kennel Club, 1897
Saratoga (N.Y.) – Saratoga Poultry and Kennel Club, 1894
Seattle (Wash.) – Seattle Kennel Club, 1893, 1896
Stockton (Cal.) – San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Association, 1896
Stockton (Cal.) – Stockton Kennel Club, 1897
St. John (N.B.) – 1886
St. Louis (Mo.) – St. Louis Kennel Club, 1879, 1890
St. Louis (Mo.) – St. Louis Gun Club, 1884, 1885
St. Louis (Mo.) – St. Louis Kennel Club, 1896, 1897
St. Paul (Minn.) - St. Paul and Minnesota Kennel Club, 1887, 1888
St. Paul (Minn.) – Northwestern Kennel Club, 1898
Syracuse (N.Y.) – Syracuse Kennel Club, 1888

Toledo (Ohio) – Toledo Kennel Club, 1889
Toronto (Canada) – 1884, 1885, 1889 to 1892, inclusive 1897
Troy (N.Y.) – Rensselaer Kennel Club, 1889
Utica (N.Y.) – Fort Schuyler Kennel Club, 1889
Victoria (B.C.) – Victoria Kennel Club, 1897
Washington (D.C.) – 1883, 1884
Washington (D.C.) – Washington City Kennel Club, 1891 to 1893 inclusive 1897
Waverly (N.J.) – New Jersey Kennel Club, 1886, 1887
Wilmington (Del.) – Wilmington Agricultural and Industrial Association, 1890, 1891
Wilmington (Del.) – Wilmington Kennel Club, 1898
Worcester (Mass.) – Worcester Kennel Club, 1889
Youngstown (Ohio) – Youngtown Kennel Club, 1890