

BY-LAWS, DOG SHOW RULES AND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Of the

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

BY-LAWS

SECTION I. The following order of business shall be observed at the meetings of this Association:

1. Roll Call
2. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Presentation of Credentials
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers and Committees
7. Executive Board Report
8. Standing Committee's Report
9. General Business
10. Adjournment

SECTION II. In the event of an appeal from an order of suspension imposed by a Show Committee, or by the President, it must be heard at the next meeting of the Executive Board.

All complaints or disputes between members of this Association shall be decided by those members of the Executive Board who are in no way connected with the clubs interested.

The following rules must be published in the premium list of every show:

SECTION III. AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES GOVERNING DOG SHOWS (Copyrighted)

To take effect September 1, 1907

- I. No show is recognized unless the official endorsement of the premium list, together with the rating of the show in winners' classes, signed by the Secretary of the American Kennel Club, is published at the head of the classification.
- II. Every show is guaranteed one point towards a championship. All shows to be rated on the actual number of dogs entered, as follows: 1,000 dogs or over,

five points; 750 dogs and under 1,000, four points; 500 dogs and under 750, three points; 250 dogs and under 500, two points, under 250, one point.

The Pacific Advisory Committee shall have jurisdiction in all states West of the Easterly boundary of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico. All applications for membership and dates and all communications should be addressed to the Secretary of said Pacifica Advisory Committee.

All shows authorized by the Pacific Advisory Committee to be rates as follows: 400 dogs or over, five points; 300 dogs and under 400, four points, 200 dogs and under 300, three points; 100 dogs and under 200, two points; under 100 dogs, one points. Specialty clubs confined to their own breed, four points.

The total number of points required for a championship is ten (See Class, Rule VII., Section 7.)

Field Champions – Foxhounds. The dog winning the highest general average in any one year at the trials of the Brunswick Foxhound Club, or winning the highest general averages, twice at any other trials of clubs, members of the American Kennel Club, the same to be approved by the Brunswick Foxhound Club, shall be entitled to be recorded as a Field Champion.

Beagles – Classes when divided by height, must be divided as follows, and in no other way -- Over 13 inches and not exceeding 15 inches – 13 inches and under – 12 inches and under (optional with Club holding trials).

Points to entitle a Beagle to claim Field Championship title. Bona fide starters in open and Derby classes at any public field trial affiliated with the American Kennel Club to be graded in points as follows: 75 entries and over, five points; 60 entries and under 75, four points; 45 entries and under 60, three points; 30 entries and under 45, two points; under 30 entries, one point. Ten points are necessary to qualify for title of Champion – One win must be won at a trial which is graded at three points or over. Open wins only to count.

- III. The word dog, where used in these rules, includes both sexes
- IV. The breeder of a dog is the person owning or leasing the dame at the time of service.

Dogs bred and whelped in the United States, and dogs whelped in the United States by a bitch purchased by a citizen of the United States in any foreign country and subsequently bred by him to a foreign dog, shall be considered “American bred.” All dogs bred otherwise shall be regarded as foreign bred dogs.

- V. Every dog entered under these rules must either be registered or listed with the American Kennel Club previous to being exhibited. The fee for registration is one dollar, and for listing 25 cents. The registration of a dog gives the privilege of competition during its list. The listing of a dog gives the privilege of competition only for the current calendar year.

The penalty for non-compliance is cancellation of winnings except when a club states in its premium list "This club assumes the collection and forwarding to the American Kennel Club of all listing fees."

- VI. Every dog 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 the owner is not given, the win of the dog shall be cancelled. The entry must clearly identify the dog to be exhibited by name, and, if known, its date of birth, names of 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 must be given with the entry. The right to exhibit, it must be so stated on the entry blank. The right to exhibit a dog cannot be transferred by the owner by agreement, bargain, sale or lease.
- VII. If the name of a dog which has won a prize at any show recognized by the American Kennel Club has been changed, the old name must be given on the entry blank and published in the catalogue until such time as it wins a prize under its new name. The name of a registered dog cannot be changed after December 31, following the date of registration.
- VIII. If a dog has been entered without being identified as directed in Rules I., V., VI., and VII., a fine of one dollar shall be imposed by the Secretary of each error, unless fraud shall be shown, in which case the win shall be cancelled.
- IX. No entry can be made in a kennel name unless that name has been registered with the American Kennel Club. The partners in a kennel will be deemed equally culpable in the case of fraud perpetrated in their name. The term "exhibitor" shall mean an individual or co-partnership exhibiting as an individual firm or kennel name. The penalty for infraction of this rule, cancellation of win.
- X. The person presenting the identification paper 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 indorsed on the identification paper.
- XI. The authorities of any show may decline any entries they see fit, not may remove any dog on account of disease, vice or other cause.

- XII. Dogs may be entered for exhibition or for specials only if so stated on the entry blank; but any dog entered for competition and received at the show building must compete in all the classes for which is it entered, and failing to do so, shall be fined an amount equal to the entrance fee for each class. Dogs competing for specials only must be entered in one of the regular classes in which they need not compete.
- XIII. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the day preceding the Show. For instance, a dog whelped April 30th, shall not be eligible on May 1st of the following year to compete in a class under twelve months of age.
- XIV. Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors in making out their entry forms. The win of a dog wrongly entered or improperly shown shall be cancelled and entry fee forfeited to the club holding the show, except as provided for in Rule VIII. If the American Kennel Club cancels a win subsequent to the closing of a show, the exhibitor must return to the club holding the show, by registered mail, within 30 days after receipt of notice to that effect, all prizes won by the dog. Penalty for non-compliance with this rule shall be suspension of the exhibitor until restitution is made and receipt for same filed with the American Kennel Club.
- XV. The regularly appointed veterinarian alone shall determine the physical condition of dogs during the show. When appealed to by the judge or when giving an opinion on a protest to the Dog Show Committee, he shall immediately render his decision in writing. Blindness, deafness, lameness, castration or spaying shall render the dog ineligible to compete at any show, except when the veterinarian is satisfied that the deafness or lameness is temporary.
- The Show Giving Committee shall be empowered, in case the regularly appointed veterinarian shall be incapacitated to serve, to appoint another veterinarian to take his place and act for him in all things.
- XVI. The appointment of judges shall rest with the club giving the show. A judge must be a person in good standing with the American Kennel Club. After the list of judges has been published in the premium list it cannot be changed, unless an appointed judge is unable to fill his engagement. The committee shall then have the right to fill the vacancy.

All classes of any one breed of dogs must be adjudicated upon by the same judge or judge, acting in conjunction. In any event of an appointed judge not officiating, it shall be optional to the exhibitor before commencement of judging the breed to withdraw his dog or dogs from competition and from the show, in which event his entry fee shall be returned.

A judge, upon the complaint of any one actually engaged in the handling or showing of a dog during the judging of a class, may, if in his opinion the complaint is warranted, order from the ring any person guilty of intentional or deliberate interference with any dog therein competing.

Any person ordered from the ring as aforesaid, shall be prohibited from further handling or showing in any class during the continuance of said show. A judge may order from the ring any person not employed in showing a dog.

Full discretionary power is given to the judge or each class to withhold any or all prizes for want of merit. The judge's decision shall be final in all cases affecting the merits of the dogs. If the win of dog is cancelled, the next dog in order of merit shall be moved up and the win shall be counted in every respect the same as if it has been the original award. For this purpose the judge shall place one dog "Reserve" after regular prizes are awarded if a dog of sufficient merit is available.

- XVII. No exhibitor is permitted to affix any award, sign or notice on the bench, of any prizes not won at that show, unless it is specifically stated on such notice the name of the show where such prizes were awarded, and the year in which that show was held. For violation of this rule the exhibitor shall forfeit any prize or prizes won at that show.
- XVIII. The Superintendent, the Secretary of the show, veterinarian or club official acting in any of these capacities, cannot or officiate as judge at the show.
- XIX. A protest against a dog may be made by any exhibitor, or any member of a club of the American Kennel Club, but must be in writing, and be lodged with the Secretary of the show club within seven days of the last day of the show. No protest 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.
- XX. An appeal may be taken to the Executive Board of the American Kennel Club, but the appeal must be forwarded to its secretary within seven days of the decision being rendered, together with a deposit of \$10. If the decision is sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the American Kennel Club, but if the decision is reversed, than all deposits must be returned to the appellant. In the jurisdiction of the Pacific Advisory Committee, appeals to be made to that committee in the form prescribed.
- XXI. 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 offence was committed.

XXII. The disqualification or suspension of an owner shall apply to all dogs owned by him or connected with the perpetration of a fraudulent act, and no dog or disqualified is eligible for entry at any show under any ownership.

No person under suspension or sentence of disqualification can made 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.

The Executive Board is, however, empowered to use such discretion in the enforcement of this penalty as shall protest innocent parties.

XXIII. No person shall be disqualified without due notice and formal charges and specification, and an opportunity given of being heard in his own defence.

XXIV. No claim against a club for unpaid prizes shall be valid unless filed with the Secretary of the American Kennel Club within six months of the last day of the show held by such club.

SECTION 7 OF BY-LAWS

(CLASSES.)

The following rules under Section 7 of the By-Laws as amended, were adopted as follows:

I. The classification shall be confined to established breeds, which may be divided or limited by variety, weight, color, height or sex and otherwise, as provided for in the dog show rules. New classes may be added if publicly announced before date of closing, except Winners' Classes which must remain as endorsed in premium list.

II. The Puppy Class shall be for all dogs over six months and not exceeding twelve months of age, and no entry can be made of one under six months, or whose date of birth, breeder, sire or dam is unknown.

Puppies may be permanently removed from a show after their classes have been judged, whatever those classes may be, but may be so removed only after the close of a show in any evening.

Puppy classes must be judged not later than the second day of the show.

III. The Novice Class shall be for American bred dogs only, never having won a first prize at any recognized show, wins in the Puppy Classes excepted. The entry blank must state name of breeder and the words, "Bred in United States."

IV. The Limit Class shall be for all dogs never having won four first prizes in said class at any recognized show, but no dog having been recorded a champion shall be eligible for this class.

V. The Graduate Class shall be for all dogs having won four prizes in Limit Class at recognized show, but no dog having been recorded Champion shall be eligible to this class.

VI. The Open Class shall be for all dogs of any age over six months.

VII. The Winners' Class shall be open only to winners of first prizes in any regular class at the show, giving at least three of the before-mentioned classes, one of which must be the Open Class. The Winners' Class can be divided by sex, provided the required three classes are also divided by sex.

Winners' Classes cannot be allowed where two or more breeds are combined. The judge shall withhold the award of "first" in this class should he be of the opinion that there is no dog of sufficient merit to justify such award. Before awarding "Reserve" in this class the dog or dogs having been placed second to the winner in any of the classes must be brought before the judge for competition with the remaining dogs in said Winners' Class. No class winner can be withdrawn or withheld from competition in the Winner's Class. No entry fee shall be charged for said competition in Winners' Class.

The winners of ten points in this class, under three different judges (at least three points of which shall have been won at one show), excepting, however, at five point shows, when two win under different judges will be sufficient, 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 an American Kennel Club Championship Medal. Duplicate medal for Champions cannot be issued.

VIII. The Miscellaneous Class shall be open to all dogs of established breeds which have not been otherwise provided for in the premium list, either with a class for the breed itself, or in combination with other breeds.

Entries in this class must specify the breed of the exhibit. Failure to comply with this condition shall cancel the award.

IX. The term Field Trial Record, as used at all dog shows, applied only to public trials where competition is open to all.

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

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 or measuring 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. The club must provided scales for the exhibitors or judges and designate official weighers.

XII. Dog Show Committees may provide such classes for dogs of recognized breeds as they may choose, provided they do not conflict with the conditions of the above-mentioned classes.

XIII. Established breeds shall be such breeds as are now eligible to registration in the Stud Book, and such breeds as may hereafter be made eligible for such registration.

A list of breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club must be published in every premium list, excepting those of Specialty clubs confined to their own breed. P P P P P The following list comprises all breeds of dog of which separate classes may be provided:

Airedale Terriers	English Toy Spaniels (Red)
Basset Hounds (Smooth)	English Toy Spaniels (Black and Tan)
Basset Hounds (Rough)	English Toy Spaniels (Tri-Color)
Beagles	Foxhounds (American)
Bedlington Terriers	Foxhounds (English)
Black and Tan Terriers (Manchester)	Fox Terriers (Smooth)
Bloodhounds	Fox Terriers (Rough)
Boston Terriers	French Bulldogs
Bulldogs	Greyhounds
Bull Terriers	Great Danes
Chesapeake Bay Dogs	Griffons
Chihuahuas	Harriers
Chow Chows	Irish Terriers
Collies	Italian Greyhounds
Dachshunde	Japanese Terriers
Dalmatians	Maltese Terriers
Deerhounds	Mastiffs
Dandie Dinmont Terriers	Newfoundlands
English Toy Spaniels (Orange and White)	Old English Sheepdogs
	Otter Hounds

Pekingese Spaniels
Pointers
Pomeranians
Poodles (Corded)
Poodles (Curly)
Pugs
Schipperkes
Scottish Terriers
Roseneath Terriers
English Setters
Irish Setters
Gordon Setters
Skye Terriers
Clumber Spaniels
Field Spaniels

Cocker Spaniels
Sussex Spaniels
Irish Water Spaniels
St. Bernards (Smooth)
St. Bernards (Rough)
Toy Poodles
Toy Terriers
Welsh Terriers
White English Terriers
White English Terriers (Toy)
Whippets
Wolfhounds (Russian)
Yorkshire Terriers
Retrievers (Curly-Coated)
Retrievers (Wavy-Coated)

FOREIGN DOGS

Griffon Bruxellois
Esquimaux (Husky)
Esquimaux (Mallimuth)
Boxers
Owtchar, or Russian Sheep Dog
Mexican Hairless
German, or Belgian Sheep Dog
Pinschers
Chinese Crested
Labrador
Samoyedes
Papillons

XIV. Special prizes can be classified and judged under the following division of breeds:

SPORTING DIVISION

Bloodhounds
Otter Hounds
Foxhounds
Harriers
Beagles
Basset Hounds
Dachshunde
Greyhounds
Deerhounds
Russian Wolfhounds
Irish Wolfhounds

Whippets
Pointers
Setters
Retrievers
Irish Water Spaniels
Water other than Irish Spaniels
Clumber Spaniels
Sussex Spaniels
Field Spaniels
Chesapeake Bay

NON-SPORTING DIVISION

French Bulldogs
Bulldogs
Mastiffs
Great Danes
Newfoundlands
St. Bernards
Collies
Old English Sheepdogs
Dalmatians
Poodles

English Toy Spaniels
Pekingese Spaniels
Japanese Spaniels
Italian Greyhounds
Chow Chows
Griffons Bruxellois
Pomeranians
Foreign Dogs
Pugs
Schipperkes

TERRIER DIVISION

Airedale
Bedlington
Black and Tan
Bull
Boston
Dandie Dinmont
Fox
Irish

Roseneath
Scottish
Skye
Welsh
Yorkshire
Toy
White English

THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE FOR GUIDANCE OF CLUBS – NOT TO BE PUBLISHED IN PREMIUM LIST:

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES GOVERNING CLUBS HOLDING SHOWS

SECTION 8 OF BY-LAWS

The following rules under Section 8 of the By-Laws were adopted, as amended, as follows:

- I. The following rules governing clubs holding shows are published for the guidance of Bench Show Committees only, publication in premium lists and catalogs not permitted.
- II. Any person or person acting in any official capacity, paid or unpaid, including that of Judge, Secretary, Superintendents, Steward, Clerk of the Show or as an officer or member of a Bench Show Committee of any Club holding a show in the United States of America, under any rules antagonistic to the American Kennel Club, shall be disqualified and debarred from all privileges of the American Kennel Club.
- III. Any Active Member of the American Kennel Club may hold a show under American Kennel Club Rules, provided it abides by all Rules of the American Kennel Club.
- IV. The use of a Club's name for show purposes cannot be transferred to any other body or persons.
- V. Applications for dates must be filed with the Secretary of the American Kennel Club for approval by the Executive Board or sub-committees as may be empowered to grant dates, subject to final endorsement of the premium list by the Secretary, of which a copy in duplicate must be submitted for approval before publication.

In the jurisdiction of the Pacific Advisory Committee applications for dates must be filed with the Secretary thereof and copies of the proposed premium list must be submitted to him in triplicate for approval and endorsement.
- VI. No Premium List is valid without this endorsement which must be printed in such list at the head of "Rules Governing Dog Shows." One copy of the Premium List must be forwarded to the American Kennel Club immediately after publication and before distribution. Penalty for non-compliance, \$1.00 per day.

Two copies of the premium list must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Pacific Advisory Committee immediately after publication by clubs within its jurisdiction.

- VII. The duration of a show shall not exceed four days. Applications for dates must be accompanied by a fee of \$25, which will be forfeited in the event of the show not being held.
- VIII. Entries shall close not less than seven days prior to the first day of the show. No alteration of the advertised date of closing shall be allowed. Penalty for accepting entries after advertised date, \$5.00 for each entry.
- IX. The date of closing of entries of any show is an official part of that show, and a person eligible to make entries must be in good standing at the time of the closing of its entries. No entries can be accepted in the name of an agent only. Penalty for each entry, \$2.00.
- X. No entries can be accepted from any person who is not in good standing, a list of such persons must be obtained from the Secretary of the American Kennel Club before the closing of entries. No person under sentence of suspension, disqualification, or expulsion can be employed in any official capacity, or exhibit, or give or take a prize, or act as agent for any exhibitor, or show a dog in any judging ring. Penalty for violation: \$5.00 for each offense.
- XI. The premium list must contain the dog show rules of the American Kennel Club; also a list of the officials whose management the dog show is to be held, who, with the exception of the paid employees, shall be held responsible for the payment of all prizes within sixty days of the last day of the show, in default of which the said officials shall be suspended or disqualified for such time as the American Kennel Club shall determine.
- XII. All claims against a club of unpaid prizes shall be outlawed unless made within six months from the closing of such shows.
- XIII. No special prize can be accepted or offered by a club after the opening of a show. The show officials will be held responsible for the payment of all special prizes advertised in the premium list or catalogue. P P P P P All prizes must be in accordance with the description in the premium list. Prizes of gold or silver must be of the purity of United States coin. If money prizes are offered, a fixed amount for each prizes must be stated.
- XIV. In default of the payment of prize moneys within sixty days of the last day of a show, the officials of such show, except paid employees, shall be suspended for such time as the American Kennel Club shall determine, or disqualify.

XV. Every show must provide a printed catalogue, in which is given all particulars required of exhibitors in entering dogs as provided in Section 6, Rules Vi., Vii., and Viii., of the "Rules Governing Dog Shows" It must also contain a list of the officers under whose management the show is held.

XVI. A catalogue, marked with the winnings, and duly certified to by the secretary or superintendent, must be filed with the American Kennel Club within seven days after the closing of the show. Penalty, \$1.00 per day.

Clubs in the jurisdiction of the Pacific Advisory Committee must forward to the Secretary thereof two marked and certified copies of the catalogues.

XVII. The following rule must be observed in the arrangement of said catalogue. The name of the owner and then the name of the dog and registration number immediately follows the catalogue number, following by further particulars as called for in Rule VI., Section 6. The catalogue must be in book form, and not exceed in surface 6 x 9 inches, nor less than 5 x 8 inches.

XVIII. A club may assume the responsibility of collecting and forwarding to the American Kennel Club any listing fees, which fact must be stated in the premium list. Such fees collected must be forwarded to the American Kennel Club within seven days from the closing of show, accompanied by a complete list of same. Penalty for non-compliance, \$1.00 per day.

XIX. Upon notification from the Secretary of the American Kennel Club that there are still unlisted dogs, the show club must pay for same within fourteen (14) days after such notice, in default of which said club shall be suspended.

The amount deposited with the application for dates cannot be applied as payment of said fees.

XX. Every show must have a qualified veterinary surgeon who shall be in attendance the evening preceding, and during the progress of the show, and no dog shall benched without having been examined and passed by him. The veterinary surgeon is required to personally inspect the dogs on bench and the quarters where the dogs are exercised or morning of each day, and a written report submitted to the Bench Show Committee. Dogs suffering from contagious diseases must be ordered from the building. Failing to comply with this rule, if protest is made and sustained, the club will be fined \$5.00 for each offense.

XXI. In the event of a protest being filed in accordance with Rule XIX, Section VI., of the Dog Show Rules, the Show Committee shall at once meeting

and decide upon it, giving both sides the opportunity to be heard together and its decision rendered in writing.

XXII. If a protest is lodged subsequent to the show, it must be decided by the Committee within 20 days from its receipt. Five days' notice of the date and place of the meeting for that purpose must be given to all parties interested, and decision rendered as above.

XXIII. The Bench Show Committee may suspended any person for misconduct at its show, notice of which must be forwarded within twenty-four hours to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club, who will refer it to the Executive Board at its first meeting, for action.

XXIV. The Secretary of the American Kennel Club must enforce penalties for violation of rules, and reserve same from deposit made with application dates.

XXV. No entry shall be accepted of any puppy under six months of age or without date of birth, breeder, sire or dam, either for competition or exhibition. Penalty for violation: fine of \$5.00 for each entry.

XXVI. A dog wrongly entered cannot be transferred by the Show officials. Penalty, \$5.00.

XXVII. For any violation of the rules not otherwise specified, for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the American Kennel Club, such action may be taken and penalty imposed as may be deemed proper.

XXVIII. Such regulations or additional rules may be adopted for the government of any show as shall be considered necessary, provided they do not conflict with any of these official rules.