

DOG SHOW RULES  
AND  
REGULATIONS  
December 6, 1887

1. The word “dog” where used in these rules includes both sexes.
2. 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, and must be registered in the American Kennel Club Stud Book. In case a dog has not been registered previous to date of entry, owner must fill out a registration blank and forward same, with fee of 50 cents, together with show entry to Secretary of the Show, who shall mark the dog as registered and forward blank with registration fee to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club. Dogs registered in the American Kennel Club Register previous to date of entry, owner must fill out a registration blank and forward same, with fee of 50 cents, together with show entry to Secretary of the Show, who shall mark the dog as registered and forward blank with registration fee to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club. Dogs registered in the American Kennel Club Register previous to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1888, may be registered free of charge in the A.K.C. Stud-Book. (The above to take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1888). 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The breeder of a Dog is the person owning or leasing the bitch at the time of her being bred.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. A castrated Dog or spayed Bitch shall be disqualified, and forfeit any prize which may have been awarded it.
9. 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.
10. 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 decided as to mange or contagious disease, and his decision must be given in writing.

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11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. In any class where there is a limit of weight, the person in charge of a Dog entered in such a class may claim the right, at any time before the judging, to have his Dog weighed and the weight of the dog shall be registered.
15. A Dog to compete in a Champion Class must have won three first prizes, exclusive of Puppy Classes and Miscellaneous Classes, at 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, provided that such prizes have been won in classes confined to one recognized breed.
16. In estimating the number of prizes a Dog has won with reference to whether it should compete in a Champion Class or not, the number of prizes won shall be calculated up to 12 noon 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 Champion Class, between the date of closing of entries and the day previous to the opening of the Show, the Dog shall be transferred to the said Champion Class.
17. In entering a Dog in a Champion 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, and this record must be given in the Catalogue.
18. ~~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."~~
19. No special prizes can be accepted or offered by a Show Committee after the regular judging has commenced.
20. The age of a Dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the day preceding the Show. 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.
21. An 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 \$5.00, except in the case of objection lodged in the name of the American Kennel Club.  
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, if present, otherwise 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 appellant the deposit of \$5.00 is thereby forfeited to the Show Committee.

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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 rendered as provided for in the foregoing two clauses 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, accompanied by a deposit of \$10.00, which shall be forfeited to the American Kennel Club should the previous decision or decisions be sustained. If the appeal is allowed all deposits must be returned to appellant.

22. 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 Committee of any Show where the fault is 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, and, if he sees fit, suspend the penalty until the next meeting of the Executive Committee, when the Committee must either remove the penalty, 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.
23. No person under suspension or sentence of disqualification can exhibit or take a prize at any Show held under these rules.
24. 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.
25. The Secretary of each Show must forward to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club a copy of the Premium List of the proposed Show, which must contain a list of officials under whose management the Show is to be held. 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 other proceed as provided for in Rule 22.
26. 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.
27. All 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.

Awards at the following Shows will be recognized by the American Kennel Club:

Baltimore Kennel Club, 1878  
Boston, Massachusetts Kennel Club, 1878-1892  
Boston, New England Kennel Club, 1885-1887  
Chicago, 1876, 1883, 1884

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Chicago, Illinois Kennel Club, 1885  
Cincinnati, 1884  
Cincinnati Sportman's Club, 1885  
Detroit, 1879  
Detroit, Michigan Kennel Club, 1887  
Fox Terrier Club, 1886 and 1887  
Hartford Kennel Club, 1886 and 1887  
Hornell Kennel Club (Hornellville), 1886 and 1887  
London, Ont., prior to 1886  
Manitoba Pet Stock Association, 1885  
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 and 1887  
New York Fancier's Club, 1886  
Ottawa, Province, Ontario, 1883  
Philadelphia Kennel Club, 1879 to 1887  
Philadelphia National Breeders' Show, 1884  
Pittsburg, Western Penna, Poultry Society, 1881 to 1887  
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  
Toronto, Ont., 1880 (Fair Grounds, 1884, 1885 (Horticultural Gardens)  
Washington, 1883 and 1884

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Baltimore Kennel Club, prior to 1885¶  
Meriden Shows, prior to 1885¶  
Former members of the American Kennel Club, whose wins are ¶  
Recognized, prior to their withdrawal from same:¶  
N.B. Kennel Club, St. Johns, N.B.; withdrew March 24, 1886¶  
London Kennel Club, London, Canada; withdrew March 24, 1886¶  
Eastern Field Trials Club; withdrew March 24, 1886¶  
Baltimore Bench Shows Assn., Baltimore, Md.; withdrew March 24, 1886¶  
Montreal Kennel Club, Montreal, Canada; withdrew March 24, 1886 ¶  
St. Louis Gun Club, St. Louis, Mo.; withdrew March 24, 1886¶  
National Field Trials Club; withdrew May, 1887¶  
Illinois Kennel Club, Chicago, Ills.; withdrew March 24, 1887¶  
Kentucky Kennel Club, Louisville, Ly.; withdrew December 16, 1885¶  
Manitoba Pet Stock Assn., Winnipeg, Canada; withdrew March 24, 1886

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