



**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB®**

## **GRAND CHAMPION JUDGING PROCEDURE**

On May 12, 2010 the Grand Championship competition started with the implementation of the 2010-2011 Schedule of Points. Competition for this title is judged concurrently with Best of Breed/Variety competition at all-breed, group and specialty shows.

All Champions of Record that are eligible to be entered in Best of Breed/Variety competition are automatically entered in competition for points toward the “Grand Champion” title if they are entered in the Best of Breed class at a dog show. Dogs and bitches that have earned their Championship and are moved up to the Best of Breed class as well as winners from the Non-Regular\* classes would be eligible to compete on the day. Neither Winners Dog nor Winners Bitch is eligible to compete for “Grand Champion” points regardless of the circumstances. Class dogs winning BOB/BOV or BOS will not prohibit the awarding of Select Dog/Bitch\*\* to eligible dogs in the ring. Judges and stewards are reminded not to inquire about eligibility. Any Grand Championship points awarded to class winners, non-Champions or dogs that are otherwise ineligible will be administratively disallowed by the AKC.

The Grand Champion competition is an extension of the traditional system to earn an AKC Championship on a dog. It is simple, similar in format to that used to finish a dog, and, because it focuses exclusively on competition at the breed level, it will add minimal time to the current judging process. The Best of Breed/Variety judge will award Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog\*\*, and Select Bitch\*\*. This is simply adding two placements and two additional ribbons for the Select Dog and Bitch to be awarded. Judges may withhold any Grand Champion awards at their discretion when warranted.

The Best of Breed/Variety judge will be required to indicate if eligible entries are not deserving of Grand Championship points.

Best of Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Best of Winners \_\_\_\_\_ Best of Opposite Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Select Dog \_\_\_\_\_ Select Bitch \_\_\_\_\_

If withholding Grand Championship points from Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex please note GCH points withheld by the appropriate number.

\*Non-Regular class winners that are not Champions of Record may be awarded Select, but are not eligible to receive Grand Championship points.

\*\*The Select awards have no relationship or correlation to Club Awards of Merit and judges should continue to review premium list or discuss with the club the criteria in making these awards.