



## Table & Ramp Breeds

### TABLE BREEDS

#### SPORTING

BOYKIN SPANIEL (or Ground or Ramp)  
COCKER SPANIEL  
ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL  
NEDERLANDSE KOOIKERHONDJE

#### HOUNDS

BASENJI  
ALL BEAGLES  
ALL DACHSHUNDS  
PETIT BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN (or Ground)  
PORTUGUSE PODENGO PEQUENO  
WHIPPET (or Ground or Ramp)

### WORKING- NO WORKING BREEDS ON TABLE

#### TERRIERS

ALL TERRIERS **on TABLE, EXCEPT** those noted below:  
AIREDALE TERRIER  
AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE (Ground or Ramp)  
BULL TERRIER  
IRISH TERRIERS  
MINI BULL TERRIER (Ground or Table)  
KERRY BLUE TERRIER  
SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER  
STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER

### TOY - ALL TOY BREEDS ON TABLE

### RAMP OPTIONAL BREEDS

At the discretion of the judge through all levels of competition including group and Best in Show judging.

AMERICAN WATER SPANIEL  
BOYKIN SPANIEL (Ground/Table)  
CLUMBER SPANIEL  
ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL  
LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO  
FIELD SPANIEL  
WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL  
CIRNECO DELL'ETNA

WHIPPET (Ground/Table)  
AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE  
IRISH TERRIERS  
KERRY BLUE TERRIER  
SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER  
STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER  
FINNISH SPITZ

KEESHONDEN  
ENTLEBUCHER MOUNTAIN DOG (Eff. 5/1/18)  
FINNISH LAPPHUND  
NORWEGIAN BUHUND  
POLISH LOWLAND SHEEPDOG  
SPANISH WATER DOG  
NORRBOTTENSPETS (Misc.)

### BREEDS THAT MUST BE JUDGED ON RAMP

Applies to all conformation competition associated with AKC conformation dog shows or at any event at which an AKC conformation title may be earned.

SUSSEX SPANIEL  
BASSET HOUND

BULLDOG  
CHINESE SHAR-PEI

CHOW CHOW

**Breeds not listed above are to be judged on the ground.**

*NOTE: Ramps can be used in emergency situations to judge any breed. See next page for additional information.*



## Use of Ramps: A Clarification

### Background

The appropriate place to individually examine dogs during breed judging is designated by each parent club and AKC does not pre-empt their authority in this regard. Current list of table and ramp breeds may be found on the AKC website.

### Table Breeds

Designated table breeds must be examined on an examination table. When re-examining them, they must be placed back on the table. No other breeds may be examined or otherwise considered during judging on an examination table. This does not apply to breeds that are eligible or required to be judged on the ramp during breed judging, when judging these breeds in the Group and/or Best in Show. Exception: Petit Basset Griffon Vendeens and Miniature Bull Terriers may be examined on the ground or the table.

### Ramp Breeds

A judge requesting the use of a ramp must give notice to the show superintendent/show secretary prior to judging. AKC approval is not required. Designated ramp breeds may be examined on the ground or on a ramp during breed judging at the sole discretion of the judge and not the exhibitor. The entire entry in that breed is to be examined on the ground (table if applicable) or on a ramp. **Effective January 1, 2015 the ramp will be available at the discretion of the judge for all ramp optional breeds through all levels of competition including group and Best in Show judging.**

### All Other Breeds

Breeds not designated as either table or ramp breeds may only be examined on the ground.  
Exception: Boykin Spaniels and Whippets may be examined on the ground, on a table or on a ramp.

### Emergencies

In emergency situations, with the approval of the Show Chair, breeds customarily examined on the ground may be examined on a ramp, not on a table. An emergency is defined as a temporary condition that arose immediately prior to or at a dog show. Convalescence from a medical procedure, illness and recuperation from injuries are examples of conditions that are not emergencies. The emergency use of a ramp may be allowed on a day and may be extended to include a cluster as well as judging either a group and/or Best in Show.

When a ramp is used for non-ramp breeds in an emergency, the superintendent is to post appropriate signs at the ring and at the superintendent's office that must include notice that exhibitors are entitled to a refund of their entry fee. Field Staff is directed to report all instances of the emergency use of a ramp to Events and Judging Operations. If there is need thereafter, the following weekend for example, as in the past, a formal accommodation must be requested from our legal department.

AKC complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and wants to provide to all the opportunity to participate in its events.

However, according to the "Fitness to Judge Policy" as published in the Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges, approved May, 2007, "It is essential that a dog show judge be physically capable of performing the functions necessary to properly judge dogs." A judge must have:

- The flexibility to examine all parts of a dog's anatomy where each breed is presented (i.e. on the ground, on a ramp or on a table).
- The capability of measuring or weighing a dog and examining on the ground, table or ramp where applicable.