

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 must either be listed or registered with the secretary of the American Kennel Club for publication in *The American Kennel Gazette*, (official blanks will be furnished on application to any show secretary or by the American Kennel Club, 44 Broadway, N.Y.) The cost of such registration is twenty-five cents, and registration one dollar, and the penalty for non-registration is disqualification and the forfeiture of entry fee and any prizes won at a show. Exhibitors must abide by any errors made in entering their dogs.
- III. Every dog entered must be the *bona fide* property of the person making such entry on the day of closing the entries. 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.
- IV. 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.
- V. If a Dog has been entered without being clearly identified, as directed in Rules III, it may be disqualified and forfeit any prize which may have been awarded to it.
- VI. The breeder of a Dog is the person owning or leasing the bitch at the time of her being bred.
- VII. 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.
- VIII. A castrated dog or spayed bitch shall be disqualified, and forfeit any prize which may be awarded to it.

- IX. Total blindness, deafness or lameness shall absolutely disqualify. If the judge or veterinary surgeon is satisfied that the deafness or lameness be temporary, the dog shall be allowed to compete. A deaf dog is one that cannot hear the ordinary methods of command.
- X. A dog suffering from any contagious or objectionable disease shall be disqualified, and forfeit the prize which may have been awarded to it, and shall be at once removed from the show building. The regularly appointed veterinary surgeon shall alone decided as to the condition of the dog, and his decision must be given in writing.
- XI. 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 disqualifications not be sustained, the class must be rejudged.
- XII. 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.
- XIII. Should an appointed judge be unable to fulfill his engagement the Committee shall have the right to fill the vacancy. All the separate classes of any one breed of dogs must, however, be adjudicated upon by the same judge, or judges acting in conjunction.
- XIV. In any class where there is a limit 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.
- XV. Bench show committees may provide such classes for dogs of established breeds as they choose.
- 1st. The Challenge Class shall be for dogs having won four first prizes in the open classes. A dog having won three first prizes in this class, one of which shall have been won at a show having offering not less than \$1000 in cash prizes, shall have the privilege of the title of champion, without further competition.
- 2nd. The Open Class shall be for dogs of an age over six months which have not already qualified for the Challenge Class, and for which no Challenge Class has been provided.
- 3rd. The Novice Class shall be for a breed for which a regular class has been provided, and for competition in which a dog shall not have won a first prize in an Open or Novice Class at any recognized show.
- 4th The Puppy Class shall be for all dogs over six months of age, and under twelve months of age, and no entry can be made for one under six months.
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.

5th. 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.

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- XVI. In estimating the number of prizes a dog has won, with reference to whether it should compete in a Challenge Class or not, the number of prizes won shall be calculated up to 12 P.M. of the day preceding the closing of the entries of the Show. All dogs which have won a prize in a Champion or Challenge Class previous to December 1, 1892, shall be continued in the Challenge Class.
- XVII. In entering a dog in a Challenge Class it is necessary to specify on the entry blank a sufficient number of first-prize winnings to entitle it to compete in such a class, until such time as it has won a Challenge Class, after which one challenge win shall be sufficient.
- XVIII. If a prize winner is disqualified, the next dog in order of merit as placed by the judge shall be given the prize 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.
- XIX. No dog eligible for special prizes can be withdrawn from competition, unless it has been stated on entry blank, "Will not compete for special prizes."
- XX. No special prizes can be accepted or offered by a show committee after the regular judging has commenced.
- XXI. 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 for dogs under 12 months of age.
- XXII. 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, except the same is lodged in the name of the American Kennel Club, which may be made at any time. (For subsequent proceedings in protest see Rule XVI. of club regulations.)

XXIII. A person guilty of misconduct of any kind in connection with Dogs, Dog Shows 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 such offence was committed. The disqualification of an owner shall apply to all dogs Owned by him, or connected with the perpetration of a fraudulent act.

| XXIV. No person under suspension or sentence of disqualification can make any entries 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.

XXV. Entries made in the name of a kennel must be accompanied by the name of the actual proprietors, but not necessarily for publication. The partners in a kennel will be deemed equally culpable in the case of fraud in their name.

XXVI. 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.

Note – The above rules must be published in all Premium Lists and Catalogues of shows held by members of the American Kennel Club.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING CLUBS HOLDING SHOWS UNDER AKC RULES

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(These Regulations were for Show—giving Club and NOT included in Premium List)

Any club or Association a member of, or licensed by, the American Kennel Club may hold a dog show under American Kennel Club rules, provided it abides by the following regulations:

- I. Applications for dates must be filed with the Secretary of the American Kennel Club for approval by the Executive Committee or such sub-committee as may be empowered to grant dates.
Such approval however shall be subject to the subsequent endorsement of the premium list as being in accordance with the requirements of the American Kennel Club.
- II. Applications for dates must be accompanied by a fee of \$25, which will be forfeited in the event of the show not being held, or failure to comply with the requirements of the American Kennel Club as set forth herein.
- III. Section 1. The show shall not extend beyond four days.
Section 2. Entries shall close not less than seven days prior to the first day of the show, and any club accepting any entry after the date (unless postmarked on the date of closing entries) shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$10 for each entry so accepted. No alteration of the date closing shall be allowed.
Section 3. The classification shall be confined to established by breeds, which may be divided by sex and otherwise as provided for in the dog show rules. No change in classification will be allowed unless announced before the date of closing entries, unless such change is covered by the published regulations of the show.
Section 4. No challenge first prize shall be less than the corresponding prize in the open class for the same breed, unless such breed exceeds \$15, in which event the challenge first prize need not be over the amount.
- IV. Section 1. Every Bench Show must employ a qualified veterinary surgeon.
Section 2. A qualified veterinary surgeon is a graduate of a recognized College entitled to confer the degree of V.S., or one who, without having a Diploma, has had at least five years practical experience to fit him the practice Of his profession.
- V. No show can be held under American Kennel Club rules at which the prize Money is less than \$500 can provide any challenge classes (This rule does not

Apply to shows held west of the 95 of the west longitude).

- VI. The Premium List must contain the dog show rules of the American Kennel Club and a list of recognized shows corrected up to the date of closing entries, also a list of the officials under whose management the 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.
- VII. No special prize shall be offered except for dogs of established breeds, and None can be offered unless publicity announce before the regular judging has commenced.
- VIII. All prizes must be in accordance with their description in the Premium List. Prizes of gold or silver must be of the purity of United States coin. All prizes in a given class shall be awarded regardless of the number of entries.
- IX. No person under sentence of suspension, disqualification or expulsion can be Employed in any official capacity, or exhibit, or take a prize, or act as agent for any exhibitor, or show a dog in any judging ring. No entries can be accepted from persons not in good standing.
- X. No entry shall be accepted of any puppy under six months of age either for Competition or exhibition, subject to a penalty of \$10 for each under-age puppy placed on exhibition.
- XI. No entry can be accepted of any dog not marked "listed" or "registered" on The entry form, as per dog show rule II, subject to a fine of \$5 for each Offense.
- XII. A club may act as agent for exhibitors by accepting the fee for registration or Listing, but must make immediate returns thereof to the American Kennel Club. A penalty of \$10 for each day will be enforced for any delay beyond ten Days from the date of closing of the show, in making such returns to the American Kennel Club.
- XIII. The catalogue of the show must give all the particulars required of exhibitors In entering dogs as provided in rules II., III., IV., XV., (Section 5), XVII. of The dog show rules. It must also contain a list of the officers under whose Management the show is held, together with a copy of the dog show rules and Such other regulations as were announced in the premium list.
- XVI. No record of wins at any but recognized shows shall be permitted in the Catalogue and it is optional with the club to give any, except in the case of Any challenge entries, which must be catalogues in accordance with rule

XVII, of the dog show rules.

XV. Only American Kennel Club Stud Book numbers shall be used in the Catalogue.

XVI. In the event of a protest being filed in accordance with rule XXII. Of the Dog show rules, the mode of procedure shall be as follows:
The show committee shall at once meet and decide upon any objections Lodged during the show, and from the decision an appeal may at once Be made to any member of the Executive Committee of the American Kennel Club, who may be available, provided such member is not on the Show Committee. If the second decision is adverse to the appellant the deposit of \$5 is thereby forfeited to the Show Committee.
Immediately upon the lodging of a protest with the secretary during the show It shall be his duty to request the judge to select reserve numbers, if he has not Already done so, in order that any prize or prizes which would be affected by The disqualification of the protested dog may not failed of being awarded. 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 the meeting for that purpose must be given to all parties in Interest.
From any such decision or decisions appeal may be taken to the full Executive Committee of the American Kennel Club, but such appeal must be forwarded With a deposit of \$10. If the decision appealed from is sustained the \$10 Deposit shall be forfeited to the American Kennel Club, but if the decision is Reversed then all deposits must be returned to the applicant.

XVII. In the event of the suspension by a Show Committee of a person for Misconduct, as provided for in rule XXIII. Of the dog show rules, notice Of such suspension shall be forwarded within twenty-four hours to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club, who 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. The Executive Committee must at their first meeting thereafter, Either remove the suspension or impose a penalty of disqualification for such A period as they may decided upon.

The disqualification of an owner shall apply to all dogs owned by him or Connected with the perpetration of a fraudulent act. The committee of the American Kennel Club, is, however, empowered to use such discretion in the Enforcement of this penalty as shall protect innocent parties.

No person shall, however, be disqualified or debarred without due notice, and

Formal charges and specifications, and an opportunity given of being heard in His own defence, and the American Kennel Club will not recognize any Exparte proceedings on the part of any club.

XVIII. Such regulations may be adopted for government of any show as shall be Considered necessary, provided they do not conflict with any of the foregoing Of the dog show rules.

Note – The above rules are published for the guidance of the Bench Show Committee Only. Publication in Premium Lists and Catalogues not required.

RECOGNIZED SHOW

Akron Poultry and Kennel Club, 1893, 1894
Alameda C. Sportsman's Assn., 1894
Albany Kennel Club, Albany, N.Y. 1889
American Pet Dog Club, New York City, 1893
Androscoggin Kennel Club, Lewiston ME., 1892
Baltimore Kennel Club, 1878
Blue Grass Kennel Club, Lexington, Ky., 1891, 1893
Boston, Massachusetts Kennel Club, 1878 to 1882, inclusive
Boston, New England Kennel Club 1885 to 1887, inclusive; 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895 (Terrier Show) 1894
Brunswick Fur Club, 1894, 1895
Buffalo Kennel Club, 1890
Burlington County Agricultural Society, 1892, 1893
California Kennel Club, 1886, 1891, 1892
Central City Kennel Club, Jackson, Mich., 1891, 1892
Chicago, Illinois Kennel Club, 1885
Cincinnati, 1884
Cincinnati Sportsman's Club, 1885, 1888
Cincinnati Kennel Club, 1890
City of the Straits, Kennel Club, Detroit, 1893, 1894, 1895
Cleveland, 1882, 1884
Cleveland Kennel Club, 1886, 1891
Columbus Fancier's Club, Columbus, Ohio, 1889, 1894
Connecticut State Kennel Club, Danbury, Conn., 1889
Continental Kennel Club, Denver, Co., 1889, 1891, 1892, 1893
Danbury Agricultural Society, 1893
Detroit, 1879
Detroit, Michigan Kennel Club, 1887, 1890
Delaware and Susquehanna Poultry and Pet Stock Assoc., Binghamton, N.Y. 1891, 1892
Des Moines, 1894
Duquesne Kennel Club, Pittsburgh, 1891, 1892, 1895
Elmira Poultry and Pet Stock Association, 1889
Elmira Kennel Club, 1893
Fort Schuyler Kennel Club, Utica, New York, 1889

Fox Terrier Club, 1886, 1887 and 1888.
Freeport Poultry and Pet Stock Association, 1881
Georgia Poultry and Pet Stock Association, 1890
Hartford Kennel Club, 1886 and 1887
Hamilton Kennel Club, Hamilton, Canada, 1891
Hermitage Kennel Club, Nashville, Tenn., 1892
Hornell Kennel Club (Hornellville), 1886 and 1887
Illindio Kennel Club, Indianapolis, 1893
Keystone Kennel Club, Philadelphia, Pa., 1892, 1893
Kingston, Ontario, Can., 1890, 1891, 1892
London, Ont., prior to 1886 and 1888, 1889 and 1890
Louisiana Poultry and Pet Stock Association, New Orleans, 1891
Louisville Kennel Club, 1894
Maryland Kennel Club, Lynn, Mass., 1889 and 1891
Manitoba Pet Stock Association, 1885
Mascoutah Kennel Club, Chicago, 1889 to 1892, inclusive
Meriden, prior to 1885
Milwaukee Kennel Club, 1886 and 1887
Milwaukee Kennel and Pet Stock Association, 1895
Mohawk Valley Poultry and Kennel Club, Gloversville, N.Y., 1891, 1893
Montreal, 1883 and 1884 and 1891
National Beagle Club, Field Trials, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895
National Beagle Club Bench Show, 1892
New England Field Trials, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895
New Haven Kennel Club, 1884 and 1886 inclusive
New Jersey Kennel Club (Newark and Waverly), 1886 and 1887
New Jersey Kennel League, Newark, 1893
New Orleans, 1883
New York and New England Poultry and Kennel Club, 1892
New York, Westminster Kennel Club, 1877 to 1892, inclusive
New York Fanciers' Club, 1886
New York Specialty Club's Show, 1894
National Poultry and Bench Association, Atlanta, GA., 1888
Northern Illinois Poultry and Pet Stock Assoc., Rockford, Ill, 1890, 1891
National Greyhound Club, New York, 1891; Brooklyn 1892
Northwestern Beagle Club of America, Field Trials, 1893, 1894, 1895
New England Kennel Club, Boston, 1892
New Orleans Fanciers' Club, 1893
Omaha Kennel Club, 1892
Ottawa, Province of Ontario, 1883, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892
Philadelphia Kennel Club, 1879 to 1889 inclusive 1894
Philadelphia, National Breeders' Show, 1884
Pittsburgh, Western Penna. Poultry Society, 1881 to 1887
Pacific Kennel Club, 1888 and 1889, 1893, 1895
Rennselaer Kennel Club, 1889
Rhode Island Kennel Club, 1887

Rhode Island Poultry Association, 1892, 1893
Rhode Island State Fair, 1893, 1894, 1895
Richmond Co. Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Augusta, Ga., 1888
Rochester Kennel Club, Rochester, N.Y., 1889, 1890, 1892
Saratoga Poultry and Kennel Club, 1894
Seattle Kennel Club, 1893
South Carolina Poultry and Pet Stock Assoc., Charleston, 1889, 1890, 1891
And 1892
South Carolina Kennel Association, Greenville, 1891
Southern California Kennel Club, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895
Southern Field Trial Clubs, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892
Specialty Club's Show, New York (St. Bernards, Collies, Fox Terriers, Bull
Dogs and Spaniels), 1894
St. John, N.B., 1886
St. Paul, Minnesota Kennel Club, 1887, 1888
St. Louis Kennel Club, 1879 and 1880
St. Louis Gun Club, 1884 and 1885
Syracuse Kennel Club, 1888
Toledo Kennel Co., Toledo, Ohio, 1889
Toronto, Ont., 1880 (Fair Grounds, 1884, 1885, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892)
Virginia Field Sports' Association, 1888
Washington, 1883 and 1884
Washington City Kennel Club, 1891, 1892, 1893
Western Michigan Kennel Club, Grand Rapids, 1892
Wilmington Agricultural and Industrial Association, 1890, 1891
Worcester Kennel Club, Worcester, Mass., 1889
Youngstown Kennel Club, 1890

In publishing the above list in the Premium List, it must be revised to include all shows held by the members of the American Kennel Club, or shows to be given by them previous to the closing of the entries of the show to be held.