



OFFICIAL UKC CUR RULEBOOK

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GENERAL INFORMATION.....

*Schedule of Fees
Effective January 1, 2016*

LICENSES

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| Hunt Master (New Applicants Only)..... | \$20 |
| Bench Show Judge (New Applicants Only)..... | \$20 |

EVENT LICENSES

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| Feist Squirrel Event..... | \$25 |
| Bench Show..... | \$17 |

UKC reserves the right to change any and all policies, fees, etc. without notice.

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED FOR ADVERTISING, REGISTRATION & DNA TESTING!



UKC is the trademark of the United Kennel Club located in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The use of the initials UKC in association with any other registry would be in violation of the registered trademark. Notify the Registration Department, United Kennel Club, 100 E Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584, should you become aware of such a violation.

INHERENT RIGHTS & POWERS OF UKC

(Revised December 18, 2009)

United Kennel Club holds and has reserved to itself certain inherent rights and powers in connection with conducting its business, registering litters, transferring registrations of dogs, licensing events, and awarding titles. These inherent rights and powers include but are not limited to the following:

United Kennel Club has the right to inspect all reports, scorecards and documents related to UKC events. Some, but not all, of the items subject to inspection are:

- scores;
- disqualifications of dogs for fighting or other reasons;
- errors by the recording person; and
- documentation excluded for any reason. UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found during such inspection whether or not the document has the signature of a Judge or Club Officer. UKC reserves the right to itself and in its sole judgement and discretion, to take such actions and impose such sanctions as would:
 - Bar an individual from entering or participating in any way in any UKC licensed event.
 - Bar an individual from transferring or registering any pups or dogs in that person's name (joint or full registration) or to any member of that person's family.
 - Bar an individual from receiving Championship points for any dog registered in that person's name (joint or full registration).

By way of illustration, the following constitute some, but not all, of the situations calling for the above sanctions:

- Falsification or alteration of a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry™ Card or any other UKC document.
- Falsification or alteration of any reports of wins issued to UKC
- Falsification or alteration of receipts issued by UKC Judges.
- Switching, wrongfully using or attempting to use a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry™ Card or any other UKC document.
- Selling or attempting to sell a dog with false or incorrect UKC Registration Certificate or Pedigree.
- Intimidating, threatening, or injuring a Judge, Club/Association member or official, event participant or spectator, or UKC representative.

The six illustrations given above are only by way of example and UKC reserves to itself its inherent right and power to impose such sanctions in any other circumstances deemed appropriate by UKC.

Any individual who is found guilty by a court of law of a crime involving dogs will be barred from United Kennel Club for an indefinite period. A person shall be considered guilty in a criminal proceeding if they are convicted by a judge, jury, or if they enter a plea bargain or other arrangement to plea to a lesser offense, or if their case is disposed of by any form of deferred adjudication; a person shall be considered guilty in a civil proceeding if they are held responsible or liable by a judge, jury, or if a compromised settlement is reached between the parties.



Sending Work to UKC

United Kennel Club suggests that all fees for UKC services be submitted in a personal check, money order or a major credit card. Sending cash is not recommended.

When more than one piece of work is mailed to UKC and different services are requested, i.e., a seven-generation pedigree on one dog and a three-generation pedigree on another, instructions should be included as to exactly what work is required.

Mail Litter Applications to:

Litter Department

Submit Litter Applications online to:

www.ukcdogs.com/litter-registration

Mail Transfer of Ownerships, duplicate requests and inquiries on registration papers to:

Transfer Department

Mail Applications for Duplicate Registration Certificates to:

Duplicate Department

Mail requests and inquiries to:

Registration Correspondent

Email requests and inquiries to:

registration@ukcdogs.com

Mail Applications for Events, inquiries about Championship points and Judges Applications to:

Field Operations

United Kennel Club
100 E Kilgore Rd • Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584
Email: registration@ukcdogs.com
www.ukcdogs.com

Event Information

Entering Dogs in UKC® Licensed Events

Revised September 1, 2017

1. THE “REGISTERED OWNER”

The registered owner is the individual whose name and address appears on the front of the Registration Certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card. If the registered owner utilizes the Registration Certificate instead of the UKC Easy Entry™ Card, they may enter the dog in the event provided that the back of the Registration Certificate is blank.

2. THE “NEW OWNER”

The new owner is an individual who has purchased a dog from the registered owner. The new owner may enter the dog as a Conditional Entry (see 3. Conditional Entries below). The new owner will enter the dog listing it in its registered name, registered owner (seller) as the owner and the new owner as the handler.

3. CONDITIONAL ENTRIES

A Conditional Entry is one where the participant is not in receipt of the form of entry required to enter their dog in the event. Those include the following:

- Not in possession of current Easy Entry™ Card or Registration Certificate.
- Non-Updated Category Easy Entry™ Card after having been notified by UKC.
- UKC Registration Certificate (New owners not yet transferred Registration Certificate).
- Application for Permanent Registration (puppy papers).
- Previous owner's Easy Entry™ Card.

The participant may enter their dog as Conditional with an additional fee of \$5. It is the responsibility of the owner and/or handler that the information given and recorded on the Event Report is accurate. If the participant cannot provide an accurate UKC number for the dog it is better to leave that info blank. Otherwise, UKC may not award Championship points or wins for that specific entry. The Entry Taker will accept the entry and the additional \$5 fee. They will make record of such on the Event Report and mail them to UKC with all other Event Fees.

4. PENDING SINGLE REGISTRATION

Dogs may be entered as “pending” only if the dog is single registered the day of the event in which they wish to enter, or if single registration application has been sent to United Kennel Club within 45 days prior to the date of the event they wish to enter. Once permanent registration papers are received by registrant, that dog can no longer be entered as pending.

5. PENDING PERMANENT REGISTRATION

Dogs that were litter registered, but have not yet been permanently registered, may be entered as a Conditional Entry (see Conditional Entries (d) above) by presenting the dogs Application for Permanent Registration certificate (puppy papers). The UKC number on the certificate shall be noted on the event entry label for the dog. Dogs entered in this manner cannot be awarded any championship points until the dog is permanently registered. Once permanently registered the owner must submit proof of any placement to UKC in order for championship points to be applied. No exceptions. Any pending championship points expire if the dog is not shown as permanently registered at UKC within 60 days of the date of the event. However, any expired championship points may be applied after 60 days if the dog is permanently registered and the owner submits proof of championship points earned, accompanied with a \$75 fee, to UKC.

THE PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ENTERING EVENTS

Three different ways to enter. Submit any of the following to entry takers. Note: No entries are to be taken after the advertised deadline for any reason.

- Registration Certificate (not required to reflect Champion or Grand Champion).
- UKC Easy Entry™ Card. Photo acceptable.
- Conditional Entry (see CONDITIONAL ENTRIES above).

Note: If the participant cannot provide one of the first two items noted above, with exception to dogs that are pending single registration, then the dog may be entered as a Conditional Entry for a fee of \$5, in addition to the entry fee. No papers or additional conditional entry fee is required if single registration application has been sent to United Kennel Club. Note “pending” in place of UKC number on entry label for single registered dogs whose owner has not yet received the dog's permanent registration certificate.

ENTERING IN NEXT HIGHEST CATEGORY

Dogs which fulfill the requirements for a UKC Champion or Grand Champion degree in a Squirrel Hunt, Coon Hunt or Bench Show, may be entered in the higher category, with their previous category's Easy Entry™ Card, until officially notified (updated Easy Entry™ Card and Degree mailed to owner) of their new title by United Kennel Club.

This is contingent on the condition that the records kept by the dog's owners are consistent with those kept by UKC.

Neither UKC nor the host club are responsible for any mistakes made by, or on behalf of, the owner concerning the dog's degree.

If it is found that the owner's records were in error, and the dog had not fulfilled the requirements for a Championship title, any win(s) attained by that dog in the higher category will be considered void.

THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY

The local club management has the right to refuse entry to any dog or handler. However, no handler shall be refused or barred on basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age or gender. A handler shall not be refused based on their actions, circumstances or otherwise that may have transpired at a different club.

UKC® Easy Entry™ Card

At no additional charge, UKC will mail, along with the UKC Registration Certificate and Pedigree, the UKC Easy Entry™ Card. The UKC Easy Entry™ Card may be used in place of the Registration Certificate when entering UKC licensed events. Updated cards will also be mailed, along with the Championship Degree, to the Registered Owner without charge, each time the dog earns a new UKC title. Additional Easy Entry™ cards are available for a fee from the Registration Department for dual ownership situations. A photo of the Easy Entry™ card on a phone is an acceptable form of event entry requirements.



Titles of Excellence from UKC and Requirements to Earn Them

The rules, regulations, classifications, classes and Championship points as recognized by the United Kennel Club are uniform throughout the United States and Canada. They are not given on a local or geographical basis. (All UKC Registered dogs, excluding coonhounds, are eligible to receive these degrees.)

The degrees of excellence as issued and recognized by the United Kennel Club are:

1. UKC SQUIRREL CHAMPION (SQCH) — requires five cast wins in the registered portion of a UKC Licensed Cur & Feist Squirrel Event:

To be declared an official Squirrel Champion, a dog must have at least five cast wins recorded on the records in the UKC Championship Office in a UKC Licensed Cur Squirrel Event.

A dog must have a total score of plus points before they can be considered a cast winner, unless otherwise noted for specific events.

2. UKC SHOW CHAMPION (CH) — the following points and classes have been established for the placement of a UKC Registered dog in order to earn Show Champion points:

Definition of Classes: Males and females are shown separately.

Puppy Class: Shall be for dogs six (6) months to one (1) year of age. The winner of this class will be awarded ten (10) points.

Junior Class: Shall be for dogs one year of age and under two years of age. The winner of the class will be awarded ten (10) points.

Senior Class: Shall be for dogs two years of age and over. The winner of this class will be awarded ten (10) points.

Best of Breed: Shall be selected from the winners of the Puppy, Junior and Senior Classes. The winner of this class shall be known as Best of Breed and shall be awarded fifteen (15) points.

Best Male or Female of Show: Shall be selected from the Best of Breed winners. The winner shall be known as Best Male or Female of Show and awarded ten (10) points.

Points Awarded:

Class Winner-Males10 points

Class Winner-Females10 points

Best Male of Breed15 points

Best Female of Breed15 points

Best Male of Show10 points

Best Female of Show10 points

A Show Champion will be a dog that has earned a minimum of 100 UKC recorded Championship points and one win with competition while showing for Best Male or Best Female. Points must have been earned under at least two different UKC Licensed Show Judges. Male and Female Show Champions are shown together.

3. UKC NITE CHAMPION (NITECH) — a dog may become a NITECH by entering UKC Cur Coon Events. The number of wins for this title are earned in the same order as a Squirrel Champion spelled out in number one of this Section.

4. UKC GRAND SQUIRREL CHAMPION (GRSQCH) — earned by winning eight (8) Champion wins at UKC Licensed Cur Squirrel Events. In this portion of the event, Nite Champions and Grand Nite Champions are drawn out and compete in the same division. A Champion or Grand Champion may not hunt in open competition, unless the event is designated as such. They must hunt in their own class, not lower.

5. UKC GRAND SQUIRREL CHAMPION MULTIPLIER DEGREES (GRSQCH2, 3, 4, 5)

Additional multiplier degrees are issued to Grand Squirrel Champions after they have earned eight (8) cast wins as a Grand Squirrel Champion. After the first eight cast wins the dog will earn the degree of GRSQCH2, after the second eight (8) cast wins the dog will earn the degree of GRSQCH3, and so on.

6. UKC HALL OF FAME (GRSQCHHOF)

A UKC Hall of Fame Degree is awarded to Grand Squirrel Champions who have earned a total of 45 cast wins in the Champions Division. This is the equivalent of a GRSQCH5 plus five more cast wins.

7. UKC GRAND SHOW CHAMPION (GRCH) — earned by winning five (5) Champion of Champions show classes in at least five different UKC Licensed Bench Shows. Must be under at least three different Judges. Male and Female Grand Show Champions are shown together.

8. UKC GRAND NITE CHAMPION (GRNITECH) — earned by winning eight (8) Champion wins at UKC Licensed Cur Squirrel Events. In this portion of the event, Nite Champions and Grand Nite Champions are drawn out and compete in the same division. In this portion of the event, Nite Champions and Grand Nite Champions are drawn out and compete in the same division. A Champion or Grand Champion may not hunt in open competition, unless the event is designated as such. They must hunt in their own class, not lower.

9. UKC GRAND NITE CHAMPION MULTIPLIER DEGREES (GRNITECH(2), (3), (4), (5))

Additional multiplier degrees are issued to Grand Squirrel Champions after they have earned eight (8) cast wins as a Grand Squirrel Champion. After the first eight cast wins the dog will earn the degree of GRSQCH2, after the second eight (8) cast wins the dog will earn the degree of GRSQCH(3), and so on.

10. UKC HALL OF FAME (GRSQCHHOF)

A UKC Hall of Fame Degree is awarded to Grand Nite Champions who have earned a total of 45 cast wins in the Champions Division. This is the equivalent of a GRNITECH(5) plus five more cast wins.

Upcoming UKC Licensed Events

In an effort to aid clubs and provide one complete source of upcoming event advertising information, UKC requires that a club provide UKC with complete information about their events. The information will then appear on the UKC website and in Full Cry.

In Full Cry the information is organized first by state and then by date within that state.

Club secretaries should read the section, "Club Officer's Guidelines for Conducting UKC Events."

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Unless otherwise indicated in the Upcoming Events Listing, all casts will have Hunting Judges.

Example:

MICHIGAN

MI, Kalamazoo; Kalamazoo Co. C&FHA; Follow I-94 north to N. Westnedge exit; turn right; ½ mi. to club. Contact Bob Jones (269) 555-1234.

Jan 17 Feist Event 7:30 am, \$15. Cur Event 7:30 pm, \$15

Explanation of Example:

In Kalamazoo, Michigan, the Kalamazoo Co. Cur & Feist Hunters Assn., on January 17, 2020, will be having a Squirrel Feist Event and a Squirrel Cur Event. The deadline is 7:30 am for taking entries in the Squirrel Events and the entry fee is \$15.

AWARDS AT UKC® LICENSED EVENTS

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The Host Club has a few different options for awards to their winners. Trophies or plaques are popular because winners then have a memento by which to remember that hunt. Clubs may also choose to have a Poor Boy event where no awards are given. Generally, entry fees are lower for Poor Boy events. If the club chooses to not give awards they are strongly encouraged to note "Poor Boy" on the Event Confirmation form so it can be advertised as such.

Monetary prizes may also be awarded. The club may choose to pay back entry fees or some other monetary prize to their winners. In the event they wish to include an added purse in their award package the club should include such notice in the Special Instructions section when confirming the event. Distribution of such prize money is the sole responsibility of the club. The UKC will not enter into any disputes thereof.

The club must understand and be aware that there may be additional law and tax implications that they will need to adhere should they be interested in awarding monetary prizes or conduct any Calcutta type activities at their event. UKC cannot provide any legal advice or information regarding any additional laws and/or tax implications that may be associated with such activities, and is not responsible for any complications that may arise. Clubs are responsible for ensuring compliance on their own, and must know that they proceed at their own risk with any such activities.



Club Officers Guidelines for Conducting UKC® Events

Revised January 1, 2016

REQUIREMENTS FOR UKC APPROVED CLUBS

1. Getting Your Club Approved by UKC.
 - a. The club name submitted to United Kennel Club will be considered your club's official name and will be utilized by UKC unless otherwise notified by your club in writing and signed by at least three officers of the club. We should be informed immediately of the names, complete addresses and telephone numbers of new officers following each election.
 - b. UKC recommends a membership that includes enough active members to properly conduct an event without relying on outside help.
 - c. Constitution and By-Laws must be submitted to UKC. A sample copy is available upon request.
 - d. In addition to UKC rules and policies, clubs must ensure that all Federal, state and local laws must be followed. It is the club's responsibility to be aware of all applicable laws and regulations, and a statement to this effect must be included in the club Constitution and By-Laws.

Sample: All licensed events sponsored by the club will be run in accordance with the rules and policies set forth by the organization for which the license has been issued. The club shall also be aware of any and all Federal, state and local laws and are responsible to ensure that applicable laws and regulations are followed.
 - e. The club must provide a complete membership list of all of the active members.
 - f. State the exact location where the events will be held (city and county). Be sure to list the next closest city if your location is not shown on the Atlas.
 - g. A completed officers list stating the name, address, phone number, and email of each officer. You must keep UKC updated on any change of officers or contact information.

Note: The Field Operations Department will review not only your club's location but the number of clubs that are within approximately 100 miles of your club actively holding UKC Licensed Events. It is possible that your club will not be approved to hold UKC licensed Events based on club density.
2. Suggestions for successful events.
 - a. Practice or "buddy" hunts should be conducted to familiarize members with the UKC Squirrel / Coon Hunt Honor Rules.
 - b. Contact your State Corporation office in order to make the club a non-profit Corporation.
 - c. It is suggested that you purchase a liability insurance policy before conducting events.
 - d. Periodic rules seminars should be held to update members on rule changes.
 - e. Appoint separate committees for Squirrel / Coon Hunts and Bench Shows. Committees for kitchen, membership, trophies or any other club activity will spread the workload around and insure success.
 - f. Appoint a membership chairman to coordinate membership drives.
 - g. Develop an active youth program to bring young hunters into your club. They are your future!
3. Scheduling Your UKC Dates.
 - a. Contact the Cur Field Operations Department at the United Kennel Club at the following address to determine if the requested date is available and does not conflict with another club's event: Field Operations/United Kennel Club, 100 E Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584, (269) 343-9020, Fieldoperations@ukcdogs.com. UKC endeavors to maintain the same dates for your licensed club events from year to year; however, they may vary a week or so, depending on the change in the calendar. Be sure to check the dates indicated on the Confirmation. These dates cannot be changed without approval from United Kennel Club. UKC will mail the Confirmation to your corresponding officer approximately four months prior to your event. If there is any question about your dates, contact the Field Operations office immediately. Clubs or organizations cannot advertise their events until they have received a Confirmation of their requested date from the United Kennel Club.
4. Advertising Your Event.
 - a. Advertising other than that appearing in the UKC's free upcoming events listing is not required.
 - b. If club does decide to advertise, the information in the advertisement must be the same as the information in the Upcoming Events listing. If information in an advertisement for an event disagrees with the information found in the Upcoming Events list, then the Upcoming Events list is considered correct and what the club must go by. The "Upcoming Events" listing on the UKC website is the final authority.
 - c. Immediately check the Upcoming Events Listing the month prior to your event to see if all information is correct. Corrections must be phoned in by the deadline to confirm your event.
5. How to Conduct your UKC Licensed Event.
 - a. Event Supplies:
 1. The event supplies will be mailed approximately four (4) weeks prior to the event to the corresponding officer currently on file at UKC.
 2. Upon receipt of the package, the corresponding officer should check to make sure they have received all needed materials. If not, contact UKC immediately at (269) 343-9020 or Fieldoperations@ukcdogs.com.
 3. If the package is not received two weeks prior to the event, contact Field Operations immediately.
 - b. Licensed Officials: All clubs holding UKC licensed events must check to see that the person serving their event as Hunt Master (in HM format events) or Bench Show Judge has a current UKC license. If the person does not have a current license in his possession, DO NOT schedule him or her to officiate the event. You have the right to request to see the license or you may contact UKC for verification. If the individual serves your event without a current license, the club will be responsible and may lose approved status for future UKC licensed events. This policy will be rigidly enforced. If you have difficulty obtaining a licensed individual to officiate your event, contact Field Operations for assistance. Please confirm the status of the license well in advance of the event.
 - c. Things to do the Day of the Event:
 1. Post legible signs at all major intersections directing participants to your club.
 2. Post the Hunt Master/HD Checklist.
 3. Post entry deadline time and deadline for return of scorecards.
 4. Club is responsible for having an adequate number of qualified Guides on hand. Club is also responsible for guides they use having permission to hunt where they take their casts.
 - d. Taking Entries: Carefully follow the procedures outlined under the "Hunt Master Guidelines" and "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events".
 - e. Reporting the Results of Your Event to UKC:
 1. Complete the Official UKC report forms. Be sure that the UKC number, the registered owner's name, handler's name and



address for each is correct. Use dog's complete registered name on reports since this information will be published.

2. Depending on the type of event held, all report forms must be thoroughly checked and signed by the Hunt Master/HD or Bench Show Judge and no less than two club officers. Three different signatures are required.
3. Clubs must retain their copies of their reports in addition to the scorecards for a period of one year. The Hunt Master/HD or Bench Show Judge must also keep their copy of the reports for one year.
4. Completed and signed reports are then to be returned to UKC's Hunting Department, along with the current recording fee for each dog entered in each licensed event. Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten (10) days of the event or a penalty charge of \$20 will be made. An additional charge of \$20 per month will be made for reports that are thirty (30) days past due.

The club will be responsible for following the above rules. Failure to do so will result in the loss of approval of future licensed events and winning placements may be affected.

Attention! Special Announcement Concerning Hunters, Age 55 and Over

Individuals age 55 or older are entitled to participate in Veterans Casts at club, state association and breed association level UKC Licensed Cur Events. Veterans Casts will not be run at the World Championship.

At the individual's option, they may be drawn into a Veterans Cast under the following rules:

- Proof of age; driver's license, hunting license, birth certificate, etc. must be presented to entry takers.
- Registered, Champion/Grand Champion Casts. A minimum of two (2) individuals, age 55 or older, must participate in order for a Veterans Cast to be drawn.
- The score of the Veterans Cast(s) will compete with the scores of all other casts; Registered, Squirrel Champion/Grand Squirrel Champion, Nite Champion/Grand Nite Champion for placement in the UKC Licensed Cur Event.
- Individuals, age 55 or older, do not have to compete in the Veterans Cast. They may choose to compete in the all-age casts if they wish.
- Veteran's Casts will compete under the same UKC Cur Event Honor Rules as do all other casts in their division with no exceptions.

Hunting/Non-Hunting Judges Clarification

Clubs have the option to use non-hunting judges for any or all categories.

Non-Hunting Judges

1. The Non-Hunting Judge has complete authority and is responsible for making all decisions, including the scoring of all trees, calling time out and whether or not a tree has been previously scored.
2. The decision of the Non-Hunting Judge may be questioned in the field at the time the decision is made, or a call that is not being made. It will be scored with a question mark (?) and taken to the Hunt Master/Hunt Director after the hunt is over, unless it involves a dog being scratched from the hunt. The Non-Hunting Judge's decision cannot be overturned in the field by a majority vote of cast members. If a question has not been satisfactorily resolved by the decision of the Hunt Master, a Panel may be formed for a \$10 fee (this is the first step when utilizing the HD Format). If a handler is still not satisfied the Appeal procedure must be followed. All Appeals must be filed immediately after the Panel has ruled and must be accompanied by a \$20 fee.

Hunting Judges

The following procedure must be followed when using Hunting Judges:

1. The host club must designate a Hunting Judge for each cast from the entries received (see procedure for selecting hunting judges under Hunt Master/HD Guidelines (Drawing Casts)).
2. The Hunting Judge has complete authority and is responsible for scoring all situations with exception to three situations only.

The following three situations go directly to a majority of the cast

vote:

- a. Scoring a tree (plus, minus, or circle). This does not include; 1) the decision on whether or not the coon could cross out to an adjoining tree or scoring multiple trees as one tree or; 2) whether the game seen is a coon or off-game. The Hunting Judge makes those decisions but they may be questioned by a handler as outlined below (5).
 - b. Calling time out.
 - c. Whether or not dogs are on a previously scored tree.
3. Any cast members, though scratched, retain all voting privileges. Exception: If handler is scratched for unsportsmanlike conduct handler loses all voting privileges.
 4. In the event only one cast member remains in the hunt, handler must return to Hunt Master/Hunt Director for a Non-Hunting Judge to complete cast. Deadline may be extended, if necessary, for this cast only.
 5. Should a situation arise where a handler questions a call that was made, or a call that should have been made but wasn't, that handler may ask to have his question voted on by all cast members that remain with the cast at that time.
 6. Majority of cast rules. Each handler must vote or their dog will be scratched. If majority decision is not reached, the call stands as it was scored by the Judge. Any handler that is not satisfied with the majority of cast decision retains the right to place a question mark (?) on the card and present his question to the Hunt Master/HD Panel.
 7. If the matter has not been satisfactorily resolved by the decision of the Hunt Master, a Panel may be formed for a \$10 fee (this is the first step when utilizing the HD Format). If a handler is still not satisfied the Appeal procedure must be followed. All Appeals must be filed immediately after the Panel has ruled and must be accompanied by a \$20 fee.

Appeal Procedure for Situations Happening During a UKC® Licensed Squirrel Hunt / Coon Hunt

This procedure applies for all situations arising during the time that the Judge's authority is in effect. Authority of the Judge begins when he is officially designated and receives the scorecard. The authority of the Judge ceases when the scorecard is turned in to the Hunt Master. The Appeal Procedure does not apply to the World Squirrel Dog Championship. The Hunt Master's decision will be final in all situations pertaining to activities during the actual hunt. This Appeal Procedure does NOT apply to situations arising that deals with intimidating, threatening or injuring a Hunter, Judge, Hunt Master, Hunt Director, Club Official or a UKC Representative.

The following steps must be followed:

STEP 1. Attempt to resolve the question with the licensed Hunt Master, the handler raising the question, the Judge of the cast and the other members of the cast that are available. The Hunt Master will make a decision based upon the statement of the case provided by the handler, Judge and the other members of the cast. No complaints will be considered by the Hunt Master after a period of thirty (30) minutes has elapsed from the time that the scorecard has been turned in.

STEP 2. If the question is not resolved at Step 1, request that a Panel be formed. A Panel Fee of \$10 must accompany your request. The Hunt Master/HD will then assemble a panel of three responsible, impartial individuals who are familiar with UKC policies and procedures. (This is the first step taken when using the Hunt Director Format.) If Panel rules with handler, fee will be refunded; if they disagree, the Panel fee will be retained by the Host Club. The Panel meeting must be held within one (1) hour after the deadline for the return of scorecards.

STEP 3. The Panel will hear all sides. At the conclusion of all testimony the Panel will make a ruling. The Event Report shall reflect the Panel's decision.

STEP 4. If the question is not resolved at Step 3, a handler must immediately request a UKC Appeal Form while the Panel is still assembled. The form must be filled out by the handlers on the cast, the members of the Panel and the Hunt Master/HD. A fee of \$20 must accompany the appeal when sent to UKC. The Appeal Form must be included with the Event Report mailed to UKC.



STEP 5. UKC will investigate the matter and make a final ruling. If the UKC supports the individual filing the appeal, the fee will be refunded. A written statement reflecting the final ruling will be mailed to those involved. The UKC reserves unto itself, in its sole judgment and discretion, the right to make corrections it deems necessary.

Panel Responsibilities

A panel of qualified event participants needs to be formed in two situations. 1) in the event a handler is not satisfied with the Hunt Master's ruling in a Hunt Master Format event and; 2) when a question is placed on the card in a HD Format event. Complaint panels should consist of three individuals who are current on all Squirrel Hunt / Coon Hunt rules and policies. They may or may not be club members with primary concern going towards finding individuals that are knowledgeable, honest and impartial. A panel must be formed of individuals that can remain totally objective in concerns to cast members and dogs on the cast in question. Individuals who have a dog in contention to place in the event should not be used on a panel. The panel will hear all viewpoints of cast members and come to a consensus decision regarding the final scoring of the cast. Should a panel's decision support the complainant, the \$10 will be refunded. Should the panel's decision go against the complainant, the \$10 will be retained by the Host Club.

Important Announcement Concerning the Use of Hearing Devices in UKC Licensed Cur Events

Individuals who have been professionally diagnosed as being hearing-impaired may utilize an auxiliary hearing device in UKC licensed Cur Events. Common types of auxiliary devices are the Bionic Ear, Hound Sounder and Action Ear. These devices are electronic sound amplifying devices.

UKC policy has always been such as to permit the use of normal hearing aids of the type prescribed by physicians for everyday use by individuals with hearing problems. Procedure for obtaining permission to use an auxiliary hearing device:

- Obtain a statement, signed by a licensed physician on his or her official stationery, indicating the need for such auxiliary hearing device in order to improve impaired hearing.
- Submit the statement to UKC Cur Field Operations. Upon receipt of the doctor's statement, UKC will issue a Letter of Permission to Utilize an Auxiliary Hearing Device to the individual. Note: Device may only be used by the actual handler of the dog, not a backup handler or spectator.
- The individual must submit the Letter of Permission to Utilize an Auxiliary Hearing Device for inspection by the Entry Takers and to the Judge of the cast as proof of permission to use the Auxiliary Hearing Device. The Letter of Permission to Utilize an Auxiliary Hearing Device must be on official UKC stationery. Club officials must not accept any other form of permission.
- Individuals who (1) fraudulently obtain the physician's statement, (2) fraudulently utilize the Auxiliary Hearing Device or (3) use the Auxiliary Hearing Device without following the steps of this procedure, will be dealt with under the Inherent Rights and Powers of UKC
- Undue violations or abuses of this policy will result in resumption of the former policy which permits the use of "normal" hearing aids only.

UKC Cur Licensed Hunt Format

Revised January 1, 2019

Note: There are currently three Hunt Format options for Cur events. Unless specifically noted in the advertising or listing of an event, all events will be run under the Standard Hunt Format. Elimination Style Hunt Format and Breed Specific events must be pre-approved by UKC. Dogs entered in UKC Cur Events cannot be muzzled.

1) Standard Hunt Format

Dogs are drawn out into two categories based on their current Championship Points standing at United Kennel Club. The two divisions are Registered and Champions/Grand Champions. Dogs must compete in their designated division. Placements in each division will be awarded based on one round of competition. Placements will be determined in accordance with the UKC Licensed Cur Event Honor Rules. If the club wishes to run division winners against one another in order to award special Championship honors, it is considered a

non-licensed category for which UKC is not responsible.

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted at the time of confirmation, all UKC Licensed events will be run under a Standard Hunt Format.

2) Elimination Format

In an Elimination format, both categories (Registered and Champions/Grands) are drawn out and compete together. First round winners are to be drawn into a second round. Second round and subsequent round cast winners are to be drawn into casts, if necessary, to get to a final three-dog cast. Cast winners are decided by highest total scores. Dogs with the highest total score of plus-point cast and/or dogs with total score of zero (circle points only) may be considered cast winners and will advance to subsequent rounds. Dogs with a total score of minus points are not considered cast winners and are not eligible to advance. Casts returning where all dogs have a total score of minus will be considered a "dead cast".

Advancement Eligibility

All cast winners, based on the criteria to be considered a cast winner, will advance from the first round to subsequent rounds. Any cast(s) not having a cast winner in the first round will not have a dog advance to subsequent rounds.

Note: All dogs advancing to any subsequent rounds must be present when cast is assembled or be scratched.

Any dog scratched or withdrawn during any round will not be eligible for placement regardless of previous round advancement, with exception to the final cast as noted below.

Final Cast Placement

Any dog scratched for fighting or if handler is scratched for misconduct, will not be eligible for placement. Dogs withdrawn, or scratched for reasons other than fighting or handler misconduct will be placed accordingly.

Dogs will place according to final cast score, even if total score is minus.

Unbreakable ties in final cast to be broken for placement as follows:

- a. dog that has the most plus first tree points;
- b. dog that has the most second tree points;
- c. the least number of minus points;
- d. the most circled tree points.;
- e. If still a tie, dogs involved will continue to hunt in sudden death. Sudden death is until a dog is called treed or a dog is scratched or withdrawn. The tree score will determine the winner.

Placing Dogs

No placements may be awarded until the final cast has been assembled. Dogs in the final cast will be placed according to highest total score in the final cast, even if the points are minus. In the event all dogs in the final cast are scratched, unless scratched for fighting, will hunt in 15-minute intervals until a winner is declared. Those dogs eliminated in the semi-final round will be considered for placement first above any dogs prior to this round. Prior to the final cast going out, eliminated dogs from the semi-final round will be placed by highest non-cast winning scores to determine 4th through 10th place. If there are not enough dogs in the semi-final round to fill all available placements, the same procedure may be used to revert to a preliminary round.

Note: Unbreakable ties to determine the cast winner in Round 1 will result in those dogs, involved in the tie, advancing to the next round. Any unbreakable ties in subsequent rounds will refer to previous round scores, to determine cast winners or placement. Flipping a coin or hunting in any further time-allotted intervals is not an option with exception to the Final Cast as noted above.

Championship Points

In Elimination events Championship points are awarded as follows:

1. Registered Dogs - 1st through 3rd place; 40 points and a 1st place win. 4th through 10th place; 30 points.
2. Champion Dogs - 1st through 10th place; a win toward Grand Champion
- 3) Slam Series Events

UKC® Slam Events® Official Rules

a. Slam Events are available to all UKC approved clubs. Clubs may designate any of their scheduled dates for a Slam Event. Simply note the Slam designation portion on the Event Confirmation form. A regular bench show may be held in conjunction with a Slam



- Event.
- b. Entry Fees: Clubs have the option of setting their entry fees at \$20, \$30, \$50, or \$100. The entry fee decided on must be noted on the clubs Confirmation Form that is sent to UKC pre-event.
 - c. License and Recording Fees: See current schedule fee. Recording fees must be included with the Event Report mailed to UKC.
 - d. Eligibility for Events: Open to all UKC Kennel Club Registered Curs.
 - e. Rules for Running the Events: All dogs, regardless of category (Registered, Champion, Grand), are drawn out together using UKC Cur Hunt Honor Rules, in effect for the year the event is run.
 - f. Hunting Time: The early round cast at any event will be two hours in duration, unless otherwise approved by UKC. A hunt time period for a late round cast may be 60 or 90 minutes (club's discretion).
 - g. Judges: One Hunting Judge per cast in the preliminary round. The late round (Final Cast) will have one (1) or two (2) Non-hunting Judges (club's discretion).
 - h. Prize money: In \$20 or \$30 entry fee hunts, 55% of the entry fee is paid to the event winners. In \$50 entry fee hunts 70% of the entry fee is paid to the event winners. In \$100 entry fee hunts, 80% of the entry fee is paid to the event winners. First, all first-round plus-point cast winners are refunded/awarded amount of entry fee. Remaining prize money is awarded to those dogs in the final cast. Prize money will be paid by the host club in accordance with the Slam Prize Breakdown Form (provided in the event packet). The distribution of Slam prize money is strictly the responsibility of the host club and not the responsibility of United Kennel Club. Clubs may offer an "added" purse to be divided among the final cast.
 - i. Final Cast: The top three (3) highest scoring cast winners with a total score of plus points will advance to the final cast. Dogs in the final cast will be placed according to score of final round, including up to 300 minus. If tie cannot be broken, dogs remaining tied will split prize money. If all dogs in Final Cast scratch, purse will be divided equally among all members of the cast. See Slam Prize Breakdown Form (provided in the event packet) for other scratched dog breakdowns.
 - j. Splitting Prize Money: Slam prize money may only be split if majority of final cast agrees to do so. Otherwise, cast must hunt late round to determine prize money distribution.
 - k. Championship Points: All dogs winning their cast in the first round will receive a cast win credit towards their degree. No additional championship wins are awarded in the final cast.
 - l. No Plus Point Cast Winners: Any round prior to the Final Round that eliminates all competition (no plus point cast winners) will be considered the Final Round and prize money will be divided equally between all dogs who participated in that round. No Championship wins will be awarded in the event there are no plus point cast winners in round one.

Important Cur Event Cast Breakdown Information

Cast Breakdown Information. Each Squirrel and Coon Event must have a Champion and Grand Champion cast. In order to receive credit, a Nite Champion, Grand Nite Champion, Squirrel Champion or Grand Squirrel Champion must have a total plus score and hunt the entire event. This is to apply even if only one Champion or Grand Champion is present to be entered in these casts. A Champion or Grand Champion cannot hunt in open competition. They must hunt in their own class, not lower.

HUNT CAST BREAKDOWN CHART

| # of Dogs | # 3-dog | # 2-dog | # 1-dog |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | 1 | 0 | |
| 4 | 0 | 2 | |
| 5 | 1 | 1 | |
| 6 | 2 | 0 | |
| 7 | 1 | 2 | |
| 8 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 11 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| 14 | 4 | 1 | 0 |

| 15 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| 16 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| 17 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| 18 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| # of Dogs | # 3-dog | # 2-dog | # 1-dog |
| 20 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| 21 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 22 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| 23 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| 24 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| 26 | 8 | 1 | |
| 27 | 9 | 0 | |
| 28 | 8 | 2 | |
| 29 | 9 | 1 | |
| 30 | 10 | 0 | |
| 31 | 9 | 2 | |
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| 42 | 14 | 0 | |
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| 44 | 14 | 1 | |
| 45 | 15 | 0 | |
| 46 | 14 | 2 | |
| 47 | 15 | 1 | |
| 48 | 16 | 0 | |
| 49 | 15 | 2 | |
| 50 | 16 | 1 | |

Hunt Master (HM)/Hunt Director (HD) Guidelines

Revised January 1, 2019

UKC Cur events must be listed on the UKC website Upcoming Events Listing. The listing must indicate a time deadline for closing entries. No entries will be accepted after the listed deadline for any reason. If a Club's event listing does not appear in the Upcoming Events Listing as specified, the UKC Licenses for the event will be withdrawn and no UKC Championship points will be awarded.

Event Format

The club to which the event license is issued has the option of running their event under Hunt Master or Hunt Director Format unless otherwise restricted by the UKC. The procedures immediately following are relevant to both formats. Procedures and policies relevant specifically to the HM or HD format will follow.

HM/HD Checklist

When you arrive at the club check to see that the following are posted:

- HM/HD checklist.
- Entry deadline time.
- Time deadline for returning scorecards.
- Telemetry Rules.

How to Take Entries

Give an entry slip to each participant and have them fill it out clearly and completely. If an individual attempting to enter a UKC Licensed event appears, in your judgment, to be under the influence of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs, do not accept their entry. Notify the appropriate club individual or officer of what you are doing and why. Be sure to follow entry requirements outlined under Entering Dogs in UKC® Licensed Events.

Note: No entries are to be taken after the advertised deadline for any reason.

Selecting Judges

Club Officers and the Event Official shall work together in selecting qualified individuals only to serve as judges. The judge must have a good understanding of the Official Cur Rules and capable of applying them accordingly. He/she must be honest and trustworthy and know the proper procedures that are to be followed if a question arises. They should also be willing to judge the cast for the duration of the hunt. When hunting judges are used, the number of judges needed in



each category shall be pre-selected from that pool of entries.

Selecting Guides

The Host Club is responsible for selecting qualified guides. In the event available guides are not needed the host club has the final decision on which ones will be used. The guide shall be a responsible individual who has permission to hunt on the property(s) they take their cast. The guide shall be willing to guide the cast for the duration of the hunt. All cast members shall be considerate of the crops, fences, and trees or otherwise on the property being hunted.

Separating Entries for Cast Drawing

Start your judge and guide selection process for each category when you begin taking entries. You should have four separate pools of entries for each category as follows:

1. An entry serving as a hunting judge and a guide.
2. An entry serving as a hunting judge.
3. An entry serving as a guide.
4. All remaining entries.

Drawing Casts

Do not start drawing out casts until after entries are closed at the advertised deadline time. The drawing of entries must be done publicly. Announce that you are ready to start drawing entries so anyone wanting to watch has the opportunity. As a matter of courtesy, draw the Grand Champions first followed by Champions and then the Registered Category. If a state requires a license or permit number, make certain that it appears on each scorecard.

UKC approves any draw system that is fair and impartial such as the following method:

1. Based on the entry determine the number of judges and guides you need for a specific category. Remove and place any pre-selected judge or guide entries not needed into pool 4 (Separating Entries for Cast Drawing).
2. Determine how many two-dog casts will be in the category. If any, add that amount of blank entry forms into pool 4. This allows having three entry slips to be drawn to each scorecard, eliminating any perception of manipulating the draw in any manner.
 - a. Draw an entry to each scorecard from pool 1 and 2 until all scorecards have a hunting judge. These entries may be turned up and stuck to the scorecards.
 - b. For any scorecards still needing a guide, draw a hunting guide from Pool 3. These entries shall be turned face down on the scorecard.
 - c. Complete your draw using the remaining entries from Pool 4. These entries shall be turned face down on the scorecard.
 - d. Each scorecard now has three entries on it. Before sticking the entry to the scorecards check for any multiple owners or more than one blank on the same scorecard.
 - e. Publicly read the Hunt Master/Hunt Director Checklist that is included in the Event Packet, before calling out casts.

While Casts are in the Woods

The Hunt Master must remain at the hunt headquarters at all times to assist any cast or cast members that got separated on their way to the woods or that returned prior to the expiration of hunt time. No questions, pertaining to scoring during the hunt, may be called in to the HM/HD. The HM/HD may not accept any information pertaining to final score via a phone. The scorecard must be returned by the deadline in order for the winning dog to be considered for placement.

After the Scorecards Are Turned In:

- a. Recheck each dogs score. HM/HD has the authority to make changes to any mathematical errors. Check to see that handlers signed the scorecard. Any handler that does not sign the scorecard results in that dog being scratched. Check to see if handlers, having left the cast for any reason, have indicated hunt time used and other dogs' scores at the time they left the cast.
- b. Any questions must be notated with a question mark (?) on the scorecard.
- c. If there is a question noted, get the cast off by themselves to discuss the situation and make your decision. Only individuals directly involved in the dispute should be included in any of the discussions. Wait until the scorecards are returned before discussing a situation that arises in the woods. Members of the cast have thirty (30) minutes to make a complaint after the scorecards are turned in.

- d. If a question is not satisfactorily resolved, any owner or handler has the right to request a panel. Refer to the rulebook in the section under; Appeal Procedures.
- e. Keep scorecards confidential until deadline or until all scorecards have been returned. **THIS MUST BE RIGIDLY ENFORCED.** Scorecards must then be made available for review. Any owner or handler questioning a dog's score, or event placement, must do so not later than thirty minutes after the posted deadline to return scorecards.

Reports

- a. Be sure to give everyone that places in the hunt a receipt. Do not sign and give out incomplete receipts. You fill them out, or see that the receipts are completely filled out when you sign them and give the winners their copy.
- b. Do not sign a blank report. Make sure that the report is completely filled out. Then you sign it. (NOTE: There must be three different signatures on the report.) Copies of the report go to UKC, the participant (receipt only), the HM / HD and to the club hosting the event. Please see that each party receives the proper copy of the report. Submit UKC's copy within 10 days or a penalty of \$20 per month will be made.
- c. Remind all club officers that the scorecards and their copy of the report must be kept for one (1) year.

General Information

- a. Encourage clubs to educate their members on the rules and conduct rules seminars for Judges, Hunt Masters, Hunt Directors and participants.
- b. Study rules on the back of the scorecard and any revisions published on the website.
- c. Remember to use good judgment. You are the person responsible to see that the hunt is run in a manner that is fair to all and that everyone is treated in a fair and equitable way. The Rulebook contains UKC's basic rules and policies. However, if you have any suggestions as to how to improve the hunts, please send suggestions to Field Operations at UKC.

Policies Specific to HM Format

1. All Hunt Masters must be licensed by UKC.
2. A Hunt Masters may not have a dog, registered in their name (full or joint ownership), and entered in the event.
3. A Hunt Masters will listen to and rule on all questions brought in from the woods, provided the cast has indicated the situation with a question mark (?) on the card. Remember that situations not questioned and notated at the time of the matter in question, cannot be heard.

Policies Specific to HD Format

1. Hunt Directors are not required to be licensed by UKC.
2. A Hunt Director may be the owner, and or the handler, of a dog entered in the event.
3. A Hunt Director will not rule on questions brought in from the woods. The Hunt Director will be responsible for forming a panel to rule on all questions. If qualified, the HD may serve on a panel.

Hunt Master Requirements for Licensing

Following are the procedures and requirements for an application to be considered:

- The applicant must be a member of an approved club and be recommended by officers of the club. It is felt that the club will know the background and qualifications of the applicant through club activities.
- The applicant's character, honesty and integrity must be above reproach.
- They must have a thorough knowledge of UKC's rules and policies, and have demonstrated good judgement.
- The applicant must be at least twenty-one (21) years old.
- They must completely fill out the application and pass the test covering UKC Cur Event rules and policies, which may be obtained from UKC.
- An applicant, having met the requirements of items above, must serve an apprenticeship under one (1) UKC Licensed Hunt Master, and be recommended by him/her in order to be considered for a license. No more than two (2) apprentices may serve under a Hunt Master at an event. Apprentices are subject to the same restrictions as the Hunt Master concerning entering their dogs in the events



where they serve. However, all decisions must be made by the licensed Hunt Master.

- Enclose a fee of \$20 when submitting the application for a license. Once a Hunt Master is approved, the license is issued indefinitely. However, licenses are subject to review and may be withdrawn by UKC at any time.
- All licenses for UKC Hunt Masters shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club.

The licensed Hunt Master must keep up to date with the rules and policies. If they do not, they will place themselves in jeopardy of losing their license.

UKC Cur Squirrel Hunt and Nite Hunt Honor Rules

Effective January 1, 2020

1. Honor Rules

These rules are written and intended to identify and reward the dog that hunts and trees a *game and stays until the handler arrives at the tree. There may be times when, it will be necessary to use good judgement rather than a literal interpretation of these rules. It is the responsibility of the Judge and/or Hunt Master to rule on a situation not specifically covered in detail by the rules. ***Note:** The term game used herein specifically refers to a squirrel in Squirrel Events and/or a raccoon in Nite Hunts. The same rules apply to both unless otherwise noted.

2. Handlers

- a. It is the handler's ultimate responsibility to know the rules and abide by rules, and the decisions of the Judge, Hunt Master, Hunt Director, and Question Panel.
- b. A handler must conduct himself/herself in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. A handler becoming loud, aggressive or belligerent may be scratched regardless of the merit of his/her argument. A handler displaying unsportsmanlike conduct or failing to abide by these rules shall be reported to the hunt director. Refer to Misconduct Guidelines found on the UKC website.
- c. Any handler found guilty of interfering with another handler's dog in any way that would affect their ability to compete may be subject to disciplinary action.
- d. A handler may not scold, encourage or punish their dog during the cast. This includes the use of hand signals to control the dog. Praising a handled dog is not considered encouraging. Refer to Rule 13 (l), if applicable.
- e. A handler may not leave the cast without permission from the judge for any reason, except to go to their dog on a separate tree after the tree is closed or all dogs are declared treed / handled or hunt time expires.
- f. The judge may give a handler permission to leave the cast to search for their dog during time-out. Refer to Rule 14 (h) if applicable.
- g. Each handler is required to remain with the cast for the entire hunt even though his/her dog may not be a part of the cast, unless all remaining handlers agree to his/her leaving. Cast members retain voting obligations if dog is withdrawn or scratched. Exception: If handler is scratched for misconduct that handler loses all voting privileges.

3. Judges and Guides

- a. Hunting Judge – When a non-hunting judge is not utilized, a hunting judge will be appointed to each cast. This person must have knowledge of the rules and be able to interpret and apply them in a fair manner. Authority of the Judge begins when he is officially designated and receives the scorecard. The authority of the Judge ceases when the scorecard is turned in to the Hunt Master.
 1. The judge will make all decisions, carry the scorecard, and be responsible for recording all scores.
 2. They will show no favors to any dog or hunter and will inform handlers of score and time recorded, if requested.
 3. If hunting Judge scratches his dog he should continue to judge the cast as a hunting Judge.
- b. Non-hunting Judge may be assigned to any cast at the discretion of Hunt Master and/or club officials.
- c. Guide – A Guide is willing to take a cast to a location where they can hunt safely and has permission. A hunting or non-hunting judge may also be a guide for the cast.

4. SPECTATORS

- a. The Hunt Director will discuss and announce if spectators will be allowed on casts, if agreeable with the majority of cast members. Spectators should be allowed to accompany the cast if possible.
- b. There shall be no more than three (3) spectators allowed per handler on any one cast unless otherwise agreed upon by the remaining cast members.
- c. Handlers shall be responsible for the conduct of spectators accompanying them on casts. Handlers dog will be scratched for rules violations by their spectators.
- d. Spectators should follow the directions of the judges and Hunt Director/Hunt Master.

5. Cell Phone Usage

- a. Cell phones may be used for keeping time and other reasonable situations during the hunt. Cast members should not be using them to contact other casts or individuals at the club to find out information pertaining to scores. Individuals found guilty of correspondence or relaying any type of electronic messaging with reference to scores, that is deemed detrimental to the integrity of event placements or the hunt, are subject to suspension from United Kennel Club.

6. TRACKING AND TRAINING COLLARS

- a. **Tracking Only Devices:** The handheld of *locating only* devices may be carried by the handler. Device may be used during the hunt but only under strict provisions as outlined below. A dog must be heard treeing before a tree call may be accepted regardless of any tree alerts on the handheld.
- b. **Tracking and Training Combo Devices:** Any handheld device capable of both locating (tracking) and controlling (stimulating or toning) may not be carried by the handler during the hunt. The handheld must be left in the vehicle and may not be used by the handler or spectators during hunt time. However, the handheld may be used during time out situations during the hunt for locating purposes only.
- c. **Training Only Devices:** Any handheld device capable of controlling a dog (stimulating or toning) must be left in vehicle and may not be used by handler or spectators until dog wearing device is scratched and all other dogs are recovered for re-casting. Controlling device rule violations may result in suspension.
 1. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL TELEMETRY BE USED TO DETERMINE THE SCORING OF ANY DOG(S).**
 2. If by way of telemetry a handler deems dog to be in danger, per an item outlined in Rule 14, they may ask for a cast vote to call time out. If a majority is not reached the handler may withdraw then handle the dog due to safety concerns.
 3. At no time may a handler demand the cast walk in the direction of a dog that has not been heard opening. The judge, or majority of the cast when hunting judge is used, may agree to walk in that direction.
4. When considering the use of telemetry during the hunt the handler may not interfere with any handler's ability to listen for their dog. This to be rigidly enforced. Handlers not adhering after being warned of such by the judge; shall result in their dog being scratched from the cast.
5. A Hunt Master / Panel may not consider any debate that is based on telemetry use.

7. SCORING OF THE TREE

- a. Dog must tree bark before being declared treed.
- b. 100 points for dog declared treed first; 40 points second; 25 points third.
- c. Dog must remain treed for **two** (2) minutes, unless all dogs are declared treed. If all dogs are declared treed cast may go to tree and handle dogs without waiting for two minutes. If one dog in cast, or one dog remaining in cast, dog must hold tree for **two** minutes.
- d. After dog(s) declared treed, at least one of the dogs declared treed must bark at least one time every **two** minutes until cast



- arrives at the tree. If no dog barks for a period of two minutes, dog(s) declared treed shall receive tree points minus and tree is declared open. Refer to Rule 10 (c) if applicable.
- e. Dog(s) declared treed within hunting time are eligible for scoring.
 - f. Judge should score trees in the order declared.
 - g. Dogs treed more than 30 steps (90 feet) apart are to be considered split treed.
 1. If dogs split tree less than 30 steps and each tree contains *game, they are to receive separate tree points regardless of the distance between trees provided the *game is in the tree that the dog is declared treed on.
 - h. When a dog is declared treed, after **two** minutes has elapsed no additional dog may be declared treed at that tree.
 1. Dog(s) declared treed after tree is closed is considered to be treed on split tree. If dog is found on closed tree it will receive first tree minus points for moving.
 - i. Points may be split:
 1. For tree position or if game is caught on ground after dog(s) have been declared treed.
 2. When called tree positions cannot be determined.
 3. No points awarded for game caught on ground if dog(s) have not been declared treed.
 - a. First, Second, and Third: 55 points
 - b. First and Second: 70 points
 - c. Second and Third: 32½ points
 - j. After a dog(s) is declared treed, the cast is to move at a moderate pace towards the tree but shall not handle dogs prior to two (2) minutes expiring, unless all dogs are declared treed.
 - k. No trees to be climbed or game to be killed, no molesting holes, dens or nests in such a way to make that place of refuge unusable by game.
 - l. Where dogs split up, Judge will go with handler to the dog that trees first. Separate time must be kept on each tree unless all dogs are declared treed.
 - m. No points, not even circle points, will be awarded when dogs return to tree that had previously been scored. Cast may go to tree without dogs being declared treed, if majority of cast agree, when hunting Judges are used.
 - n. Stationary Rule: See Rule 13(q).

8. SEARCHING TREE

- a. Judge must maintain pace attainable by all members of the cast and be the first one to arrive at the tree.
- b. Upon arrival at the tree, Judge should observe and make sure all dogs declared treed are showing treed by either looking up or barking up before handlers leash their dogs.
 1. If a dog declared treed is not showing treed, the judge shall allow 15 seconds for it to show treed or it is minus.
 2. The judge must announce when the 15 seconds has started.
 3. Dog should not be minus tree points if he comes back a short distance to meet handler if dog goes back in and trees satisfactorily.
- c. After dog(s) have been declared treed for two (2) minutes, dog(s) will be tied at tree and kept on leash until tree is scored. Any dog(s) that is at the tree but not declared treed, shall be handled.
- d. Upon notification from the judge the tree will be checked. *Five (5) minutes of hunt time* may be demanded to search tree, or place of refuge. No plus points will be awarded if game is seen after five (5) minutes searching time has elapsed.
- e. Any dog coming into a tree that is being scored, shall be handled.
- f. After tree is scored, dog(s) must be turned loose.

9. SCORING OF PLUS POINTS

- a. When dogs tree and game is seen during the allotted five (5) minutes of search time: (1) by a non-hunting Judge, or (2) By majority of the cast when hunting Judge is used.
- b. Game must be in tree dog is on (in a coon hunt) or in a tree within 30 normal steps of tree dog is on (in a squirrel hunt). Only one tree is counted even if more than one game animal is up tree.
- c. When game is seen timbering from tree to tree or on the ground and the dog is moving with the game. **(Not applicable in nite hunt.)**

10. SCORING OF MINUS POINTS

- a. When dog has been declared treed and dog leaves tree. If dog returns to tree **within the two minutes**, he will receive the next available position on tree, unless all dogs have been declared treed.
- b. When dogs tree and (1) a non-hunting Judge or (2) a majority of the cast when hunting judge is used, can plainly see no *game is there and there is no possibility for *game to have timbered to another tree.
- c. After a dog is declared treed, at least one of the dogs declared treed must bark at least once every two minutes until cast arrives at the tree. If no dog barks for a period of two minutes, dog(s) declared treed will be minused and tree is declared open.
- d. Dogs declared treed on tree where no tree game is located, but contains birds or large fowl.
- e. When a handler declares a dog treed other than their own dog, judge will award tree points and minus on first offense and scratch the dog on second offense.

11. SCORING OF CIRCLE POINTS

Points will count neither for nor against dog except when tie is to be broken.

- a. When game is treed in a hole or nest and not seen. Nest or hole must be within 30 steps (90 feet) of tree that dog is treed on to be circled. Trees not containing game, and with no nest or den within 30 steps will be deleted.
- b. When leaves or vines make it impossible to locate game.

12. SCORING OF DELETED POINTS

Points will be scored with a line through them, and count neither for nor against the dog. Deleted points will not be considered to determine to outcome of any tie-breakers.

- a. If dog is treed, and no game is seen, and no den or nest within 30 normal steps (90 feet), points will be deleted (not applicable in nite hunt).
- b. No points, not even circled points, will be awarded when dogs return to tree that had previously been scored, cast may go to tree without dogs being declared treed, if majority of cast agree (when Hunting Judges are used).
- c. If dog is declared treed on a tree containing tree game that is not the preferred game. Tree game is defined as any game capable of climbing a tree. Birds are not considered tree game.
- d. If dog(s) tree on a previously scored tree.

13. DOGS TO BE SCRATCHED

- a. If a dog has a total of 300 minus points, regardless of how many plus points the dog has.
- b. Fighting or attempting to fight. Attempting to fight is defined as follows: when dog(s) are interfering with other dog(s) during the authority of the Judge by aggressive behavior during the authority of the Judge.
- c. No handler will be allowed to withdraw to avoid dog from being scratched for fighting.
- d. When the aggressive dog is known, scratch the aggressor only. If not known, scratch dogs involved.
- e. Failing to make any attempt to hunt within any 15 consecutive scorecard minutes.
- f. Bitches smelling strong enough to attract dogs or a dog that is just bad to bother bitches while other dogs pay them no attention.
- g. For running or molesting stock. Feral hogs are not to be treated as stock, but as non-tree game.
- h. For delaying completion of cast for 30 minutes after time out is called.
- i. On second offense when handler calls a dog treed that is not treeing. On first offense, points will be minus (refer to Section 10 (e)).
- j. If a handler is drinking or using abusive language.
- k. For use of any device used to control dog prior to cast completing hunt time.
- l. For encouraging, discouraging, using hand signals, or physically abusing a dog. Praising a handled dog is not considered encouraging.
- m. Dog(s) hunting over or under advertised hunt time will be



scratched.

- n. For climbing or cutting trees.
- o. For intentionally killing *game or any other game.
- p. For failure to stay with the cast unless given permission to leave.
- q. **Stationary Rule:** Any dog continually barking in the same place for a period of two (2) minutes will be scratched, unless called treed.
 - 1. This rule is to apply to a dog **obviously** barking treed (Judges decision). If a dog should pause for more than one (1) minute or leaves the area, break the stationary.
 - 2. If the stationary rule is being applied to a dog and another dog is called treed, the stationary rule will be broken. If it is later determined that the dog(s) are treed on separate trees, a new stationary rule will be started on the dog(s) not called treed.
 - 3. No stationary rule to be applied once a dog is declared treed on that tree.
 - 4. If judge is heading to or in the process of scoring another tree, the stationary rule shall be stopped.
 - 5. Handler(s) must be advised any time the stationary rule is being applied on his/her dog and that it will be scratched unless declared treed.
 - 6. Anytime the stationary rule is running and dog(s) stops barking, the one (1) minute rule should be applied.
 - 7. Should stationary rule expire before one (1) minutes expires and dog resumes barking, handler(s) should be permitted to make a tree call provided call is made within the next three barks the dog makes.
 - 8. After two (2) minutes, cast should advance to tree. If dog is not actively treeing on a scorable tree, no action should be taken. Do not scratch dog on fence, in a hole or other place of refuge other than on a tree.

14. TIME-OUTS

- Judge, or majority of cast if hunting Judge is used, may call time out in accordance with the following:
- a. When dogs are getting on highway, onto posted land or into a place b. where there is danger to dogs or hunters.
 - c. If new ground must be found to finish cast.
 - d. In case of accident or sickness.
 - e. If cast becomes lost.
 - f. Dog(s) declared treed before time out is called will be scored.
 - g. When a dog is injured.
 - h. When dog(s) are hunting out of hearing in different directions.
 - i. If all dogs are declared treed or are on leash time out shall be called after 10 minutes of hunt time has been used walking to each split tree. Time is back in during tree search time or if dog leaves tree.

15. SCORECARDS

- a. Scorecards must be completed in the woods, and no changes can be made later except where a question arises and is noted in the woods.
- b. Handler's signature verifies hunting time and scores are correct. Any protest relative to time or scores must be noted with a question mark.
- c. Any handler failing to sign the scorecard in the woods may have the opportunity to sign upon returning the scorecard to, and in view of, the Hunt Master/HD.
- d. All scorecards must be made available after the deadline to return scorecards or when all scorecards are in possession of the Hunt Master/HD.

16. Questions

- a. Non-Hunting Judge Cast: The decision of a non-hunting Judge may only be questioned in the field at the time the decision is made. The non-hunting Judge's decision may only be overturned by the Hunt Master/panel. It may be scored with a question mark (?) and reviewed by the Hunt Master/panel. Situations not questioned and notated at the time Judge's decision is made, will not be considered.
- b. Hunting Judge Cast: The following procedure must be followed when using hunting judges on a cast, regardless of category.
- c. The Hunting Judge has complete authority and will be responsi-

ble for scoring all situations.

- d. Should a situation arise where a handler questions a call that was made, or a call that should have been made but wasn't, that handler shall ask to have his question voted on by all cast members that remain with the cast at that time.
- e. Each handler must vote or their dog will be scratched. It takes a majority vote to overturn judge's decision. Any handler that is not satisfied with the outcome retains the right to place a question mark (?) on the card and present his question to the Hunt Master/panel. Situations not questioned and notated at the time Judge's decision is made will not be considered.
- f. Scorecards to be carried by Judge and must be scored by Judge in plain view of all.
- g. Any owner or handler disputing event placement must address the matter with the Hunt Master/Hunt Director, within 30 minutes after the deadline to return scorecards. If the matter is not resolved, the complainant shall request an Appeal Form. They must clearly note their complaint on the form and return it to the event official to be mailed, along with the Event Report to UKC for a ruling. The Appeal must be accompanied by a \$20 fee, otherwise the matter will not be considered. The fee will be refunded if ruled in favor of the complainant.

17. Panels

- To form a panel a \$10 Panel Fee must be paid before the question is heard.
- a. When using a Hunt Master, a panel may be formed if a handler/owner is not satisfied with the Hunt Master's ruling.
 - b. When using a Hunt Director, a panel must be formed to hear any and all questions.

18. Appeals

- a. If the matter has not been satisfactorily resolved by the decision of the panel, an Appeal may be filed.
- b. An Appeal Form must be requested and filed immediately following the panel's ruling, while panel is still assembled.
- c. Appeals must be submitted to the Hunt Master/HD with a fee of \$20.
- d. All Appeals will be investigated and ruled on by the UKC.

19. Winners

- a. A dog must have a total score of plus points to receive Championship wins, unless otherwise specified for designated events.
- b. Placements to be determined by highest succession of cast winners. For Elimination events refer to event placement procedures.

20. Ties

- a. All ties to be broken for placements: Dog will win out over another dog when:
 - 1. dog that has the most plus first tree points;
 - 2. dog that has the most second tree points;
 - 3. the least number of minus points;
 - 4. the most circled tree points.;
 - 5. If still a tie, dogs involved will continue to hunt until a dog is called treed or a dog is scratched or withdrawn. The tree score will determine the winner.

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HTX EVENT RULES

UKC Hunt Test Policies and Procedures Licensing Requirements:

- 1. Hunt Tests are only available to UKC approved clubs.
- 2. Hunt Tests may only be held at established club event and meeting sites.
- 3. Hunt Tests do not count against the number of licensed events that a club may hold.



4. Hunt Tests may be conducted on any day (squirrel) or night (coon) of the week.
5. There is no mileage conflict between clubs that wish to hold Hunt Tests on the same day or night.
6. Hunt Test date and location (with directions) must be listed in the Hunt Test Schedule on the UKC website at www.ukcdogs.com no less than 30 days prior to the Hunt Test.

Entry Requirements

7. Owner and Handler must be in good standing with United Kennel Club and must present a current Easy Entry Card (photo on phone acceptable) or Registration Certificate at time of entry. "Pending" registration is acceptable for those programs that offer it.

Fees

8. There is no license fee to the club to conduct a Hunt Test. The club must pay a recording fee of \$3 per dog tested regardless of whether the dog passes or fails.

Forms

9. Hunt Test Evaluation Forms and Hunt Test Report Forms may be downloaded free of charge from the Forms page of the UKC website. Forms are also available for a minimal fee by contacting United Kennel Club.
10. All completed hunt test forms must be kept on file by the host club for a period of one year. Both pass and fail forms must be kept on file. Hunt Test Report Forms must be filled out by the host club and sent to UKC with recording fees within 10 days.

Titles

11. Upon the completion of three (3) successful hunt test passes by the three different inspectors, a dog will be issued the title of HTX as a suffix to the dog's UKC registered name. The owner on record will be sent a degree and new Easy Entry card verifying the achievement.
12. Multiple titles may be earned for each additional three (3) successful hunt test passes. Multiple titles will be indicated by a numerical addition to the HTX title such as HTX2, HTX3, etc. The owner on record will be sent a degree and new Easy Entry card for each additional title.

Squirrel Hunt Test Evaluation Rules

1. Dogs must be free cast to search for wild game. Evaluations may not be done:
 - a. in enclosures
 - b. off feeders
 - c. on game seen crossing road
2. Dogs shall be hunted for one hour. Dogs shall be picked up prior to completion of the hour for having committed two of the listed standard faults or the same standard fault on two separate occasions. Dogs may also be picked up and passed for treeing three squirrels before the hour is up.
3. Dogs shall either pass or fail the evaluation. A dog will be awarded a pass for satisfying each of the Standard Requirements on the same track, while hunting for one hour, without committing two Standard Faults.
4. Requirements Defined
 - a. Went Hunting - Dog must go hunting alone in search of game. Hunters may proceed slowly in the direction they wish to hunt but are not to walk a dog that will not go hunting without first considering it one fault.
 - b. Treed & Stay Treed - Once it is determined that the dog has settled on a tree, dog must be allowed to tree for a period of two minutes before hunters arrive.
 - c. Squirrel Seen - A handler may use as much of his hunting time as he wishes (within reason) to search a tree. A dog may receive credit if the squirrel is seen timbering from tree to tree and dog is moving with the squirrel. The inspector must see the squirrel in order for dog to receive credit.
5. Faults Defined
 - a. Non-Tree Game - Dog will receive a fault for running, baying or catching non-tree game. Handlers will be required to use their one-hour hunting time to recover dogs running non-tree game.
 - b. Slick Tree - Dog will receive a fault for treeing on a tree where it is obvious there is no squirrel.
 - c. Quit Track - When it's obvious that a dog has quit a track that he

was open on and attempting to work he will be faulted. Failure to open for 8 minutes will be considered quitting.

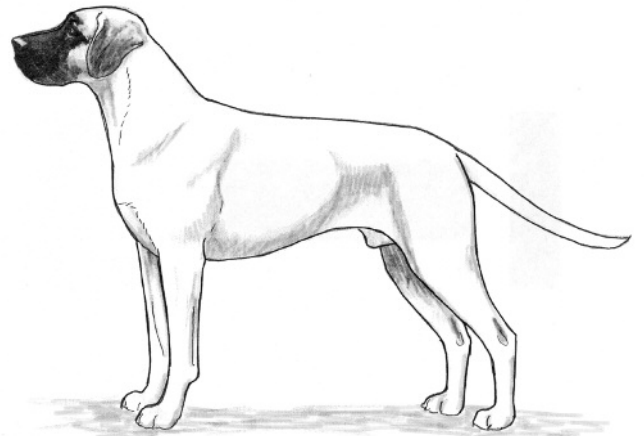
- d. Handling Issues - If dog cannot be caught to be handled at tree, truck or in the woods, it shall receive a fault. If the dog bites any participant, it shall receive a fault.
 - e. Leaving Tree - Inspectors should give plenty of leniency in regard to treeing style. However, dog's that leave tree will be faulted as will dogs that are off the tree showing a lack of serious interest in treeing.
 - f. Failed To Hunt - Dogs are required to make an honest effort to go hunting alone. Failure to do so will result in a fault.
6. Owner/Handler Sportsmanship Disqualification - Inspectors may be asked questions regarding their evaluation in the field. If at any time the tone gets confrontational, inspectors are instructed to immediately fail the dog. Should a handler disagree with an evaluation, they may submit a written explanation of their disagreement to UKC within 7 days. UKC will review prior to recording evaluation.
 7. Electronic Devices Prohibited. Training collar may be worn, but transmitter must be left at vehicle. No electronic squallers. Tracking collars are permitted and there are no restrictions in using them. No other electronic devices besides a hunting light may be used.
 8. Taking Game Prohibited. Individuals found guilty of taking any game or damaging any dens or trees will be dealt with under the Inherent Rights and Powers of United Kennel Club. Additionally, state and local laws must always be followed.
 9. It is not permissible for two or three individuals to swap inspections on any given day.
 10. Individuals needing assistance may utilize personal transportation during a hunt test.

Black Mouth Cur

Official UKC Breed Standard

Scenthound Group

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The goals and purposes of this breed standard include: to furnish guidelines for breeders who wish to maintain the quality of their breed and to improve it; to advance this breed to a state of similarity throughout the world; and to act as a guide for judges.

Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated.

Any departure from the following should be considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

HISTORY

The origin of the Black Mouth Cur is uncertain. Some writers have claimed that the breed originated in the mountains of Tennessee while others believe the breed originated in Mississippi. In any event, these dogs were widely used by early American settlers as all-round work-



ing dogs. As Americans moved west, the Black Mouth Curs moved with them, serving as a hunting dog and family guardian.

The Black Mouth Cur was recognized by UKC on November 1, 1998.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Black Mouth Cur is a powerful, agile tree dog of medium size. The body is square or just slightly longer than tall. Legs are long enough to allow the dog to move quickly and with agility in rough terrain. The head is broad with a moderate stop and a moderately broad muzzle. Ears are set high and drop. The tail is straight, set low, and may be any length. The coat is short and close fitting. The Black Mouth Cur should be evaluated as a working dog, and exaggerations or faults should be penalized in proportion to how much they interfere with the dog's ability to work. Scars should neither be penalized nor regarded as proof of a dog's working abilities.

CHARACTERISTICS

The Black Mouth Cur is a fast, hard hunter that finds game using its eyes, ears and nose. Silent trailers are preferred, although slightly semi-open on a very hot track is allowed. Never open like a hound. A loud, deep chop on bay or tree, ringing cry or slight yodel allowed. Never full-blown bawl mouthed. The Black Mouth Cur combines tenacity and courage with a strong desire to work. They are very loyal and protective of their owner and family.

HEAD

The head is large but proportionate to the size of the body. When viewed from the side, the muzzle is slightly shorter than the skull and joined by a definite stop. The planes of the skull and muzzle are parallel.

SKULL - The skull is flat and broad, tapering slightly toward the muzzle. Cheeks are muscular and prominent.

MUZZLE - The muzzle is moderately broad with a well-defined under-jaw. Lips are tight. Except in the case of dogs with dilute coat color, lip pigment and the inside of the mouth, excluding the tongue, are darkly pigmented.

TEETH - The Black Mouth Cur has a complete set of evenly-spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors bite.

Disqualifications: Overshot bite. Undershot bite.

NOSE - Nose is broad and slightly protruding with well-opened nostrils. Black pigment is preferred, but red or brown are allowed in dogs with dilute coat color.

EYES - Eyes are medium to large in size, set wide apart and may be green, yellow, or brown. Eye rims are tight and match lip pigment.

Fault: Eyes not matching color.

Serious Faults: Blue eye, wall eye.

EARS - Ears are drop, of short-to-medium length, wide at the base, and set high.

NECK

The neck is slightly arched, strong, very well muscled, and of moderate length. The neck gradually widens from the nape and blends smoothly into the shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders are well laid back. The upper arm is long and wide, and forms an apparent 90-degree angle with the shoulder blade.

FORELEGS - The forelegs are strong and straight, with large, round bones. The elbows are set close to the body, but able to move freely in action. The pasterns are short, powerful, straight, and flexible.

BODY

A properly proportioned Black Mouth Cur is square or just slightly longer than tall. Back is broad, strong, of moderate length, and level, blending into a muscular, slightly arched loin with slight to moderate tuck up. The ribs extend well back and are well sprung out from the spine, then curving down and inward to form a deep body. The brisket extends to the elbow. Viewed from the front, the chest between the forelegs is muscular and wide, with at least four inches between the front legs of a smaller-sized dog. This is a dog bred for stamina and faults should be penalized to the degree that they detract from that goal.

HINDQUARTERS

The hindquarters are strong and muscular. The bone, angulation, and musculature of the hindquarters are in balance with the forequarters.

HIND LEGS - The upper thigh is longer than the second thigh. The stifles are well bent, and the hocks are well let down. When the dog is standing, the short, strong rear pasterns are perpendicular to the ground, and viewed from the rear, parallel to one another.

FEET

The feet are of moderate size, compact and well arched. Pads are large, tough, and well cushioned. Toes may be webbed. Single or double dewclaws may be present.

TAIL

The tail is set on low and may be any length. Coat on the tail may be smooth to slightly feathered.

COAT

The coat is short, dense, and close lying. Texture may be coarse to rough to very fine.

Serious Faults: Wiry coat, long coat.

COLOR

All shades of red, yellow and fawn; black; brown; buckskin; or brindle; with or without black muzzle or mask. Very small amounts of white are allowed under the chin, around the nose, on the neck, chest, legs, and tip of tail, provided that no more than ten percent total of the dog's body may be white. Dilute coat colors are acceptable and may be identified by the following traits: green, yellow, or light brown eyes; white toenails; red or yellow coat without any trace of black hair. Never spotted, mottled, merle, or with white collar.

Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Minimum height is 18 inches for a mature male and 16 inches for a mature female. Minimum weight is 40 pounds for a mature male and 35 pounds for a mature female. Black Mouth Curs are working dogs and should be presented in hard, muscular condition.

GAIT

Black Mouth Cur gait is smooth and effortless, with good reach of forequarters. Rear quarters have strong driving power, with hocks fully extending. Viewed from any position, legs turn neither in nor out, nor do feet cross or interfere with each other. As speed increases, feet tend to converge toward centerline of balance.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a bench show/conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Albinism.

Deafness.

Blindness.

Overshot bite.

Undershot bite.

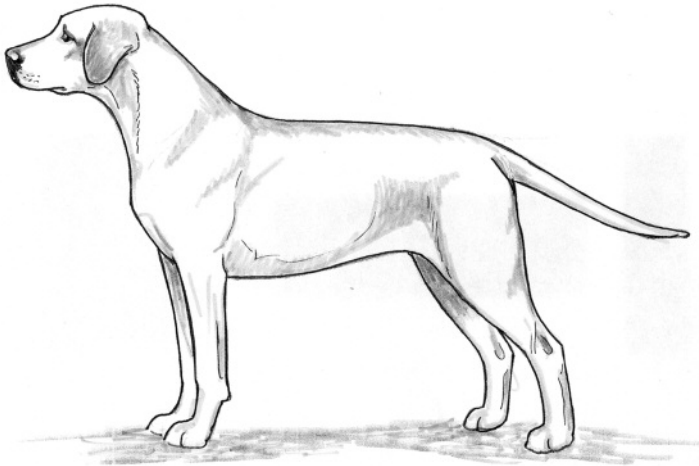


Mountain Cur

Official UKC Breed Standard

Scenthound Group

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The goals and purposes of this breed standard include: to furnish guidelines for breeders who wish to maintain the quality of their breed and to improve it; to advance this breed to a state of similarity throughout the world; and to act as a guide for judges.

Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated.

Any departure from the following should be considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

HISTORY

The Mountain Cur was declared a breed in 1957 with the organization of the Original Mountain Cur Breeders of America (OMCBA). Prior to that time, dogs of this type could only be found in very remote, rural areas, and there were no organized breeding records. The most common strains of Mountain Cur included the McConnell, Stephens, Ledbetter, Arline and York strains. OMCBA was able to assemble breeders and register the original-type Mountain Cur. On the last weekend of September 1991, a group of men and women met at Robert and Lou Ella Kemmer's house and formed a new breed club that registered a strain of linebred cur that became known as the Kemmer Stock Mountain Cur. These curs are Mountain Curs that are bred from the above-mentioned lines. The best was bred to the best and then linebred. Kemmer Stock Mountain Curs were first registered with the Kemmer Stock Mountain Cur Breeders' Association (KSBA). Mountain Curs from OMCBA and KSBA provided the foundation stock for the UKC Mountain Cur breed. Today these dogs are used on squirrel, raccoon, and all types of big game.

The Mountain Cur was recognized by UKC on November 1, 1998.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Mountain Cur is a powerful, agile tree dog of medium size. The body is square or just slightly longer than tall. Legs are long enough to allow the dog to move quickly and with agility in rough terrain. The head is broad, with a moderate stop, and a muzzle slightly shorter than the length of skull. Ears are set high and drop. The tail is straight, set low, and may be a natural bob. The coat is dense but close fitting. The Mountain Cur should be evaluated as a working dog, and exaggerations or faults should be penalized in proportion to how much they interfere with the dog's ability to work. Scars should neither be penalized nor regarded as proof of a dog's working abilities.

CHARACTERISTICS



The Mountain Cur is a fast, hard hunter that runs the track with its head in the air. Open, semi-open, or silent on track, the Mountain Cur has a clear bark that can be heard a long distance. When a hot track is not immediately available, the Mountain Cur will circle and drift on a cold track until it locates a hot track. Mountain Curs are courageous fighters when required. This breed is intelligent, with a strong desire to please, so despite its strong treeing instincts on all game, the Mountain Cur is easily discouraged from tracking unwanted game. A Mountain Cur responds better to training if it has lots of human contact. In addition to hunting, Mountain Curs make great family companions and watch dogs.

HEAD

The head is broad, but proportionate to the size of the body. When viewed from the side, the muzzle is slightly shorter than the skull and joined by a definite stop. The planes of the skull and muzzle are parallel.

SKULL - The skull is flat and broad, tapering slightly toward the muzzle. Cheeks are muscular and prominent.

MUZZLE - The muzzle is shorter than the skull, moderately broad with a well-defined underjaw. Lips are tight with no flews. Lip pigment matches nose pigment.

TEETH - The Mountain Cur has a complete set of evenly spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors bite.

Disqualifications: Overshot bite. Undershot bite.

NOSE - Nose is square with well-opened nostrils. Pigment is black or self-colored.

EYES - Eyes are large in size, set wide apart with inner and outer corners on the same horizontal line. Eye color is brown, ranging from dark to amber. Eye rims are tight. Eye rims match nose pigment.

EARS - Ears are drop, of short to medium length, wide at the base, and set high.

Fault: Semi-erect ears.

NECK

The neck is slightly arched, strong, very well muscled, and of moderate length. The neck gradually widens from the nape and blends smoothly into the shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders are well laid back. The upper arm is long and wide, and forms an apparent 90-degree angle with the shoulder blade.

FORELEGS - The forelegs are well muscled with strong bone. The elbows are set close to the body, but able to move freely in action. The pasterns are short, powerful, straight, and flexible.

BODY

A properly proportioned Mountain Cur is just slightly longer than tall. Back is broad, strong, of moderate length, and level, blending into a muscular, slightly arched loin with slight to moderate tuck-up. The ribs extend well back and are well sprung out from the spine, then curving down and inward to form a deep body. The brisket extends to the elbow. Viewed from the front, the chest between the forelegs is muscular and well filled. This is a dog bred for stamina and faults should be penalized to the degree that they detract from that goal.

HINDQUARTERS

The hindquarters are strong and muscular. The bone, angulation and musculature of the hindquarters are in balance with the forequarters.

HIND LEGS - The stifles are well bent, and the hocks are well let down. When the dog is standing, the short, strong rear pasterns are perpendicular to the ground, and viewed from the rear, parallel to one another.

FEET

The feet are slightly oval in shape, are of moderate size, compact and well arched. Pads are large, tough, and well cushioned. Single or double dewclaws are preferred but not required.

TAIL

The tail is set low and either naturally bobbed, bobbed, or of medium length, carried high. Bobbed tail is preferred. On rough-coated dogs, the coat on the tail is well feathered.

COAT

The outer coat is short, and may be smooth or rough in texture. Undercoat is short, dense, and soft.

COLOR

Black (with or without tan or brindle points); blue; brindle; brown; red; yellow; blonde or buttermilk buckskin. White markings are permissible provided the dog is not more than one-third white in color.

Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height for a mature male ranges between 18 to 26 inches; and 16 to 24 inches for a mature female. Weight is proportionate to height. Mountain Curs are working dogs and should be presented in hard, muscular condition.

GAIT

Mountain Cur gait is smooth and effortless, with good reach of forequarters. Rear quarters have strong driving power, with hocks fully extending. Viewed from any position, legs turn neither in nor out, nor do feet cross or interfere with each other. As speed increases, feet tend to converge toward center line of balance.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

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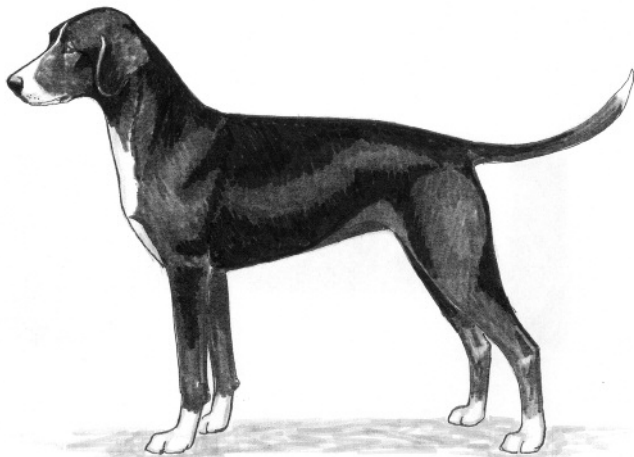
The docking of tails and cropping of ears in America is legal and remains a personal choice. However, as an international registry, the United Kennel Club is aware that the practices of cropping and docking have been forbidden in some countries. In light of these developments, the United Kennel Club feels that no dog in any UKC event, including conformation, shall be penalized for a full tail or natural ears.

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HISTORY

Originally a strain of Mountain Cur, the little black dogs bred by the family of Hugh Stephens in Kentucky soon became sufficiently distinct that they were recognized as a separate breed. The Stephens' Stock Cur excels at hunting squirrel and raccoon, but is also used in packs on mountain lion and bears.

The Stephens' Stock Cur was recognized by UKC on November 1, 1998.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Stephens' Stock Cur is a powerful, agile tree dog of small to medium size. The body is just slightly longer than tall. Legs are long enough to allow the dog to move quickly and with agility in rough terrain. The head is broad with a moderate stop, and a muzzle slightly shorter than the length of skull. Ears are set high and drop. The tail is straight, set low, and medium in length. The coat is dense but close fitting. The Stephens' Stock Cur should be evaluated as a working dog, and exaggerations or faults should be penalized in proportion to how much they interfere with the dog's ability to work. Scars should neither be penalized nor regarded as proof of a dog's working abilities.

CHARACTERISTICS

The Stephens' Stock Cur is a fast, hard hunter that carries its head high on track. Open or semi-open on track is preferred, but silent trailing is acceptable. Good changeover at the tree is preferred. The Stephens' Stock Cur is intelligent and easily trained with strong treeing instincts on all game.

HEAD

The head is broad but proportionate to the size of the body. When viewed from the side, the muzzle is slightly shorter than the skull and joined by a slightly sloping stop. The planes of the skull and muzzle are parallel.

SKULL - The skull is flat and broad, tapering slightly toward the muzzle. Cheeks are muscular and prominent.

MUZZLE - The muzzle is shorter than the skull, moderately broad with a well-defined underjaw. Lips are tight with no flews, and are darkly pigmented.

TEETH - The Stephens' Stock Cur has a complete set of evenly spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors bite.

Disqualifications: Undershot or overshot bite.

NOSE - Nose is square with well-opened nostrils. Pigment is black.

EYES - Eyes are large in size, set wide apart, with inner and outer corners on the same horizontal line. Eye color is brown. Eye rims are tight and black.

EARS - Ears are drop, of short to medium length, wide at the base, and set high.

NECK

The neck is slightly arched, strong, very well muscled, and of moderate length. The neck gradually widens from the nape and blends smoothly into the shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders are well laid back. The upper arm is long and wide, and forms an apparent 90-degree angle with the shoulder blade.

FORELEGS - The forelegs are well muscled with strong bone. The elbows are set close to the body, but able to move freely in action. The pasterns are short, powerful, straight, and flexible.

BODY

A properly proportioned Stephens' Stock Cur is just slightly longer than tall. Back is broad, strong, of moderate length, and level, blending into a muscular, slightly arched loin with slight to moderate tuck up.

The ribs extend well back and are well sprung out from the spine, then curving down and inward to form a deep body. The brisket extends to the elbow. Viewed from the front, the chest between the forelegs is muscular and well filled. This is a dog bred for stamina and faults should be penalized to the degree that they detract from that goal.

HINDQUARTERS

The hindquarters are strong and muscular. The bone, angulation, and musculature of the hindquarters are in balance with the forequarters.

HIND LEGS - The stifles are well bent, and the hocks are well let down. When the dog is standing, the short, strong rear pasterns are perpendicular to the ground, and viewed from the rear, parallel to one another.

FEET

The feet are slightly oval in shape, are of moderate size, compact and well arched. Pads are large, tough, and well cushioned. Dewclaws may be removed.

TAIL

The tail is set low, and of medium length.

COAT

The outer coat is short, and may be smooth or rough in texture, but not wooly. Undercoat is short, dense, and soft.

COLOR

Black. White markings are permissible provided the dog is not more than one-third white in color.

Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height for a mature Stephens' Stock Cur ranges between 16 to 23 inches. Weight is proportionate to height and never over 55 pounds. Stephens' Stock Curs are working dogs and should be presented in hard, muscular condition.

GAIT

Stephens' Stock Cur gait is smooth and effortless, with good reach of forequarters. Rear quarters have strong driving power, with hocks fully extending. Viewed from any position, legs turn neither in nor out, nor do feet cross or interfere with each other. As speed increases, feet tend to converge toward center line of balance.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a bench show/conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Albinism.

Deafness.

Blindness.

Overshot bite.

Undershot bite.

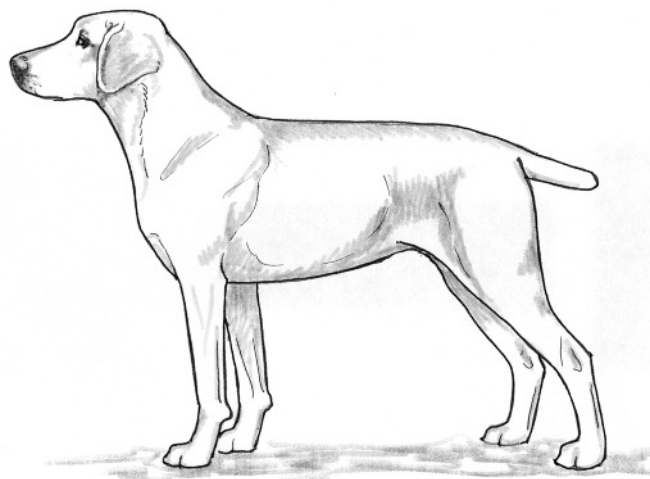
Treeing Cur

Official UKC Breed Standard

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HISTORY

The Cur breeds were developed in remote and rural parts of the United States. Cur breeders had little interest in standardizing the looks of their dogs - they were only interested in performance. Most Cur breeders were not well off and so they required a dog that could serve multiple purposes: hunter, guardian, and stock dog. The result was the Treeing Cur, which is the most varied in size and colors of the Cur breeds. The Treeing Cur is primarily used to hunt squirrel, raccoon, and all types of big game.

The Treeing Cur was recognized by UKC on November 1, 1998.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Treeing Cur is a powerful, agile tree dog of small to medium size. The body is just slightly longer than tall. Legs are long enough to allow the dog to move quickly and with agility in rough terrain. The head is broad with a moderate stop, and a muzzle slightly shorter than the length of skull. Ears are drop and the tail is straight, set low, and of any length, including a natural bob. The coat is dense but close fitting. The Treeing Cur should be evaluated as a working dog, and exaggerations or faults should be penalized in proportion to how much they interfere with the dog's ability to work. Scars should neither be penalized nor regarded as proof of a dog's working abilities.

CHARACTERISTICS

The Treeing Cur is a fast, hard hunter that finds game using its eyes, ears and nose. They may be open, semi-open, or silent on track with a good change at the tree. Treeing Curs are alert and easily trained. In addition to being outstanding tree dogs, they are also good watchdogs and excellent family companions.

HEAD

The head is broad but proportionate to the size of the body. When viewed from the side, the muzzle is slightly shorter than the skull and joined by a definite stop. The planes of the skull and muzzle are parallel.



SKULL - The skull is flat and broad, tapering slightly toward the muzzle. Cheeks are muscular and prominent.

MUZZLE - The muzzle is slightly shorter than the skull, moderately broad with a well-defined underjaw. Lips are tight with no flews, and are darkly pigmented.

TEETH - The Treeing Cur has a complete set of evenly spaced, white teeth meeting in a scissors bite.

Disqualifications: Overshot or undershot bite.

NOSE - Nose is square with well-opened nostrils. Pigment can black or pink in color.

EYES - Eyes are medium to large in size, set wide apart with inner and outer corners on the same horizontal line. Brown eye color is preferred but yellow, green, or blue is acceptable. Eye rims are tight and black.

EARS - Drop ears, of short to medium length, wide at the base, and set high.

Disqualification: Erect ears.

NECK

The neck is slightly arched, strong, very well muscled, and of moderate length. The neck gradually widens from the nape and blends smoothly into the shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders are well laid back. The upper arm is long and wide, and forms an apparent 90-degree angle with the shoulder blade.

FORELEGS - The forelegs are well muscled with strong bone. The elbows are set close to the body, but able to move freely in action. The pasterns are short, powerful, straight, and flexible.

BODY

A properly proportioned Treeing Cur is just slightly longer than tall. Back is broad, strong, of moderate length, and level, blending into a muscular, slightly arched loin with slight to moderate tuck up. The ribs extend well back and are well sprung out from the spine, then curving down and inward to form a deep body. The brisket extends to the elbow. Viewed from the front, the chest between the forelegs is muscular and well filled. This is a dog bred for stamina and faults should be penalized to the degree that they detract from that goal.

HINDQUARTERS

The hindquarters are strong and muscular. The bone, angulation, and musculature of the hindquarters are in balance with the forequarters.

HIND LEGS - The stifles are well bent, and the hocks are well let down. When the dog is standing, the short, strong rear pasterns are perpendicular to the ground, and viewed from the rear, parallel to one another.

FEET

The Treeing Cur has a cat foot, of moderate size, compact and well arched. Pads are large, tough, and well cushioned.

TAIL

The tail is set low and either naturally bobbed or of any length.

COAT

The outer coat is short to medium in length, and may be smooth or rough in texture. Undercoat is short, dense, and soft.

COLOR

Any color, color pattern or combination of colors is acceptable.

Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height ranges between 18 to 24 inches. Weight is 30 to 60 pounds, proportionate to height. Treeing Curs are working dogs and should be presented in hard, muscular condition.

GAIT

Treeing Cur gait is smooth and effortless, with good reach of forequarters. Rear quarters have strong driving power, with hocks fully extending. Viewed from any position, legs turn neither in nor out, nor do feet cross or interfere with each other. As speed increases, feet tend to converge toward center line of balance.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a bench show/conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Erect ears.

Albinism.

Deafness.

Blindness.

Overshot bite. Undershot bite.

The docking of tails and cropping of ears in America is legal and remains a personal choice. However, as an international registry, the United Kennel Club, Inc. is aware that the practices of cropping and docking have been forbidden in some countries. In light of these developments, the United Kennel Club feels that no dog in any UKC event, including conformation, shall be penalized for a full tail or natural ears.

Treeing Tennessee Brindle

Official UKC Breed Standard

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Any departure from the following should be considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

The Treeing Tennessee Brindle should be evaluated as a working dog, and exaggerations or faults should be penalized in proportion to how much they interfere with the dog's ability to work. Honorable scars resulting from field work are not to be penalized.

HISTORY

The origin of the Treeing Tennessee Brindle will probably always be a mystery. It is known, however, that there were very many old-time dogs that came from select, little pockets from all over the country. These dogs were open trailers with good scenting power; were very intelligent and courageous, and companionable with both men and dogs.

The originators of the breed searched to find and promote that type of dog. There were many Cur-type hunting dogs at that time, but they concentrated on the type of dog that had the uncanny ability to locate and tree any game.

The Treeing Tennessee Brindle was recognized by the United Kennel Club on July 1, 2017.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Treeing Tennessee Brindle is a powerful, agile tree dog of medium size. Its appearance suggests the capacity for speed stamina and endurance.

Disqualification: Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.

CHARACTERISTICS

The Treeing Tennessee Brindle has a strong treeing instinct, desire to hunt, and good scenting power. This breed is a fast hunter, intelligent, alert, and companionable with men and dogs.

Disqualifications: Viciousness or extreme shyness.

HEAD & SKULL

The top skull is flat. There is width between the eyes. The muzzle is heavy.

EYES – The dark, expressive eyes are prominent.

EARS – The short or medium ears are set high.

FOREQUARTERS

FORELEGS – The straight, muscular legs are well set for speed. Dewclaws are permitted.

BODY

The back is straight and strong. The chest is broad and deep.

HINDQUARTERS

HIND LEGS – The straight, muscular legs are well set for speed. Dewclaws are permitted.

FEET

The round, compact feet are strong, and have well-arched toes (cat feet).

TAIL

The tail is medium length.
Serious Fault: Stub tail.

COAT

The coat is short, dense and smooth.

COLOR

Acceptable colors include: brindle or black with brindle trim. A small amount of white on the breast or feet is acceptable.
Serious Faults: Colors other than brindle, or black with brindle trim.
Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height is measured at the withers. The height range for males is from 18 to 24 inches. The height range for females is from 16 to 22 inches. Weight is in proportion to height.

GAIT

Gait is smooth and effortless, with good reach of forequarters. Rear quarters have strong driving power, with hocks fully extending. Viewed from front and rear, legs turn neither in nor out; nor do the feet interfere with each other. As speed increased, feet tend to converge toward the center line of balance.

VOICE

They are open trailers, with changeover at the tree. A coarse chop is preferred.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

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Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.
Viciousness or extreme shyness.
Albinism.

UKC Cur Bench Show Rules

1. A UKC Licensed Bench Show is a distinctive gathering of UKC registered dogs of the 5 recognized Cur breeds, and their owners for the purpose of determining the winners and making an official record of such winnings. Only UKC registered dogs compete in a UKC Licensed Bench Show. Non-registered dogs cannot be entered in a UKC Licensed Bench Show.
2. The local club management has the right to refuse entry to any dog or handler. However, no handler shall be barred on basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age or sex.
3. Refer to page 3 under Event Information as it pertains to rules for entering dogs.
4. No Bench Show entries are to be taken after the advertised deadline for any reason. The show shall start as soon as possible after the advertised deadline.
5. Dogs which fulfill the requirements for a UKC Show Champion or Grand Show Champion may be entered in the next level of competition even though they have not been officially notified of their new title by United Kennel Club.

6. Only one UKC Licensed Bench Show Judge shall judge a UKC Licensed Bench Show. A panel of Judges cannot be used. The Judge will follow the rules and regulations covering the show, and sign the official UKC report for show winners and award Championship points. Judges shall be familiar with UKC Bench Show procedures (listed elsewhere). Judge must sign report immediately following show so that the officers of the club may sign.
7. The Judge's decision is final. The Judge may give reasons after each class. Any exhibitor entering dogs in any show is, in effect, asking the Judge for their personal opinion and decision. Any exhibitor may question the Judge concerning their decision after the completion of the class in which the exhibitor's dog is entered. Such questions shall be presented in a sportsmanlike manner.
8. Qualifications for UKC recognized Show Champion: Dog must have earned a minimum of 100 UKC recorded Championship points and one win for "Best Male of Show" or "Best Female of Show." Dog must have competition at the Class, Breed or Show level on the day Best of Show is won. Dog having no competition will receive Championship points but no win toward the Show Champion Degree. Points must be earned under at least two different Judges.
9. Qualifications for UKC recognized Grand Show Champion: Dog must win five (5) Champion of Show Champions classes at five different UKC Licensed Bench Shows. These must be earned under at least three different Judges. Grand Champions shall compete in the Grand Champions class only. This class is held for the honorary title, and no UKC points are awarded.
10. A UKC recognized Bench Show Champion or Grand Champion may not compete in Registered competition once they have received their Championship or Grand Championship Degree. Champions may compete in the Champion of Champions class only. Grand Champions may compete in the Grand Champions class only.
11. Receipts shall be issued for winners of Class, Breed, Best Male and Best Female of both the Registered and the Champion of Champions portions of the show. These receipts are for your personal records and do not replace the official report.
12. The Judge shall have the right to disqualify any owner or handler for misconduct, or any dog for growling, snapping or fighting. If a dog is disqualified for growling, snapping or fighting, it must be reported and sent along with the Bench Show Report to UKC.
13. Any person intimidating, threatening or injuring a Bench Show participant, Judge, club officer or UKC representative will be barred indefinitely from any UKC licensed event.
14. Any person caught administering non-prescribed drugs to any dog will be barred indefinitely from registering dogs and participating in UKC events. Club or association may require blood testing of any dog by a licensed veterinarian.
15. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, firearms or non-prescribed drugs will be allowed on the grounds or while participating in the show or in the buildings the day of a UKC licensed event.
16. Spectators and/or handlers must remain away from the show ring at all times and dogs must be kept away from the show ring until that dog is called for showing.
17. Owners, handlers and spectators may not interfere with the Judge in any way during the judging of a show.
18. A Judge has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.
19. Handlers are responsible for their conduct and personal appearance.
20. It is the responsibility of the owner or handler to listen to the secretary or ring steward of the show so that they will know what classes are being called and be ready to enter their dog in the correct class. If a dog misses its class due to neglect of the owner or handler there is no way to show that particular dog in that show.
21. If a dog is shown in the wrong class, no Championship points will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the owner to see that their dog has been entered and shown in the correct class.
22. Dogs must be benched. The bench on which the dogs shall be shown must be two (2) feet high and eighteen (18) inches wide with the top covered with indoor/outdoor carpeting or some similar non-slip surface. (Dogs stand well on rough material while they tend to "cow down" on a slippery or smooth surface). Individual benches of a minimum length of 44 inches are recommended. If the benches



do not meet these standards, the Judge shall still allow the show to be held, but should instruct the club to correct the problem and notify UKC that the benches do not meet the standards.

23. A Bench Show Report shall be filled out and signed by the two club officers and the Bench Show Judge. A total of three different signatures are required. One copy shall be retained by the club for one year, one copy by the Judge and one copy sent to UKC. The host club and Judge are responsible for the report being accurate, neat and properly filled out, showing the complete names of the dogs, correct UKC registration numbers, names of owners and handlers and their addresses. The United Kennel Club., accepts the report of each show as an accurate and true report of the Bench Show.
 24. The club sponsoring the show will forward with the report the fee of \$2.00 per dog entered in the Bench Show. Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten (10) days of the event or a penalty charge of \$20 will be made. An additional charge of \$20 per month will be made for reports that are 30 days past due.
 25. Dogs shall not be judged on handler's showmanship.
 26. The following is NOT allowed:
 - a. Dyeing to cover faulty hair color.
 - b. Altering of nose, eye or lip pigment color, or of coat color.
 - c. Surgery to cover a genetic or structural fault, such as ears, eyes, muscular or skeletal.
 - d. Grooming, grooming tools, spray bottles or wiping cloths are not allowed in the ring.
- NOTE: If the show is held outside on an extremely hot day, a handler may spray water in the dogs' mouth to cool the dog down. This can only be done if the Judge approves prior to the dogs entering the show ring.
27. Baiting of dogs is not allowed in show rings.
 28. Working dogs are not to be penalized for scars or injuries caused by hunting.
 29. Female dogs in season shall not be shown.
 30. Dogs must be evaluated both while gaited and shown on the bench. More emphasis must be placed on the gait. Dogs must be gaited at a natural pace.

UKC Cur Bench Show Judges Authority and Responsibilities

AUTHORITY

1. The Judge is in charge of the show, and his/her decision is final.
2. Judge may disqualify any dog for unsportsmanlike actions by the handler.
3. Judge has the right to withhold giving an award and/or UKC Championship points if, in his opinion, there is not a dog submitted that qualifies or meets the UKC official breed standard.
4. A Judge may not be called upon to fault any dog after the show is over and winners are announced. He has the right to refuse.
5. Judge has the right to split or divide classes when considered necessary.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Judge must be UKC licensed for the year in which he is judging and should have his current Judge's card with him at the time of the show.
2. Once a Bench Show Judge is approved, the license is issued indefinitely. However, licenses are subject to review and may be withdrawn by UKC at any time.
3. Neither UKC Judges nor apprentice Judges are to enter their dogs in any UKC Licensed Bench Show that they are judging in whole or in part. Their dogs cannot be entered by a handler. Nor can any member of a Judge's or apprentice Judge's immediate family show under that Judge.
4. A UKC Judge is responsible for their own conduct and appearance, which should always be becoming to a Judge.
5. A newly approved Judge cannot have an apprentice serve under them until they have judged at least three shows.
6. No more than one (1) apprentice can serve under a Judge at a show.
7. UKC Judges are to keep up-to-date on any changes in the breed standards.
8. Judge must see that all handlers walk or gait dogs. Dog must be gaited for Judge to determine to what degree dog conforms to structural correctness. Dogs must be evaluated on the bench to determine to what degree the dog conforms to the breed standard.

9. Judge shall have handler open dog's mouth for Judge to check dog's bite (for dog's health reasons).
10. Judge must physically check all dog's bone structure and conformation.
11. Judge will remove from the bench any female dog in season.
12. A Judge shall give equal time in examining each dog they are judging. Every dog warrants a Judge's complete inspection.
13. Judge shall not ask individual handling dog: (1) who owns dog; (2) who dog was purchased from; or (3) what line the dog is out of while judging the dog.
14. A Judge shall not remove an "off" standard dog from the bench. The Judge will deduct points from the "off" standard dog in making his ultimate decision, unless it is a disqualifying fault. In that case, the dog is not to be considered for judging. If a Judge determines a dog to have a disqualifying fault, he must submit to UKC the dog's name, UKC number and description of the fault along with the show report.
15. Judge shall not carry on conversations with spectators while show is in progress. Judge is not to be influenced by any person or that person's actions.
16. The Judge must accurately report their decisions to the recording secretary.
17. The Judge must complete and sign the Official Show Report Forms for Championship points immediately following the show. Copies of the report go to UKC, the participant, the Bench Show Judge and to the club hosting the event. Please see that each party receives the proper copy of the report. Submit UKC copy within 10 days or a penalty charge of \$20 per month will be made. Please note that the yellow copy is a personal receipt for the participant and is perforated for convenience. Receipts shall be issued for winners of Class, Breed, Best Male and Female of both the Registered and the Champion of Champions portions of the show.
18. The Judge must never sign blank show report forms or receipts.
19. If the Judge is also an officer of the club whose event he is judging, two other officers' signatures are also required on the Official Show Report.

Show Spectators, Owners and Handlers

Spectators and/or handlers must remain away from the show ring at all times and dogs must be kept away from the show ring until that dog is called for showing.

It is the responsibility of the owner or handler to listen to the secretary or ring steward of the show so that they will know what classes are being called and be ready to enter their dog in the correct class. If a dog misses its class due to neglect of the owner or handler there is no way to show that particular dog in that show.

Owners, handlers and spectators may not interfere with the Judge in any way during the judging of a show.

A Judge may disqualify any dog for fighting or attempting to bite another dog or person. The Judge may disqualify an exhibitor for any unsportsmanlike action.

A Judge has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.

UKC Cur Bench Show Procedures

(A Guideline for Judges)

To standardize the procedures of a Bench Show and to avoid inconsistencies and errors, the following procedure has been provided.

When the Bench Show Judge arrives at the club grounds, he should remind each person taking entries for the show of the requirements for accepting entries. See "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events" in this rules issue.

Only dogs with permanent papers or those pending final registration approval shall be accepted for entry. No entries shall be taken after the published closing time. There are no exceptions. The points will not be honored if either of these rules are violated.

Two club officers, along with the Bench Show Judge, must sign the report. A total of three different individuals' signatures are required. The Judge, is responsible for the rules being enforced and the correct information being sent to the United Kennel Club.

Following is the procedure and sequence of judging UKC Licensed



Bench Shows:

BLACK MOUTH CUR

- a. Judge male Puppy Class (6 mos. to 1 yr.)
b. Judge male Junior Class (1 yr. & under 2 yrs.)
c. Judge male Senior Class (2 yrs. & older)
d. Call the winner of each male Black Mouth Cur class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded the Best Male of Breed.
- a. Judge female Puppy Class (6 mos. to 1 yr.)
b. Judge female Junior Class (1 yr. & under 2 yrs.)
c. Judge female Senior Class (2 yrs. & older)
d. Call the winners of each female Black Mouth Cur class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded the Best Female of Breed.

Follow the same sequence for each of the other 4 breeds in alphabetical sequence.

Mountain Cur

Stephens' Cur

Treeing Tennessee Brindle

Treeing Cur

When all Best of Breed winners have been determined, all Best Male of Breed winners are brought back and judged together. The winner is awarded Best Male of Show. Then all Best Female of Breed winners are brought back and judged together to determine the Best Female of Show.

Once these are determined, the Champion of Champions class is held. In the Champion of Champions class, males and females are shown together. The winner is declared the winner of the Champion of Champions class. If this category is large and the Judge decides to judge the dogs by breed, he may do so. They would then have one or more of each breed to judge for the Best Champion.

The Grand Show Champions class is judged next. Males and females are shown together. This is an honorary class and no UKC points will be awarded.

The show is not to be interrupted for any other activity, unless it is a large show and the Judge requests a rest break.

Requirements and Procedures for Becoming a UKC Licensed Bench Show Judge

Persons interested in becoming UKC Licensed Bench Show Judges should complete the application and test which may be obtained at your local club or UKC. Application and test is then returned by applicant to UKC, along with application fee. If applicant passes application and test, they will then be sent three apprentice forms.

- Applicants must be known for their honesty, integrity, impartiality and their interest in the improvement of the Cur breeds. The Judge's personal appearance and habits should be above reproach and befitting a UKC licensed Bench Show Judge.
- Applicants shall have reached their twenty-first (21st) birthday before applying to UKC to become a UKC Licensed Show Judge.
- Applicants must know the Official UKC Show Rules.
- Applicants should be at least a high school graduate or equivalent.
- Applicants must know the Official UKC Cur/Feist Breed Standards.
- The applicants must know and understand the anatomy of the dogs they are judging including how to properly judge the dogs' gait.
- Applicants must be members of an approved club and must be recommended in writing by officers of the club. At least three (3) different officers of the club must sign the UKC application form.
- Applicants must serve as an apprentice Judge under three (3) different UKC Licensed Judges, and be recommended by them. Only one apprentice may serve under a licensed Bench Show Judge at an event.

EXCEPTIONS:

Approved Cur clubs may grandfather in as a licensed Cur Bench Show Judge, one individual who is not currently a UKC Licensed Show Judge. The individual that the club is sponsoring will need to fill out an application, take the written exam, and submit both of these with the fee of \$20. This individual will not be required to go through the apprentice program. Only one individual per club may be grand-

fathered in as a new Judge.

- The applicants must understand that they are at all times to judge the dog and not be influenced by who the owner or handler is.
- The applicants must be willing to accept the responsibilities of discussing their decisions, if asked to do so by the handler, prior to the next class being shown.
- No applicant for a UKC Show Judges License will be denied on basis of religion, race, color, national origin or sex.
- The Judge's application fee is \$20 and is non-refundable. Once a Bench Show Judge is approved, the license is issued indefinitely. However, licenses are subject to review and may be withdrawn by UKC at any time.
- All licenses for UKC Show Judges shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club.

Scratched for Fighting — UKC® Policy

UKC will notify the owners of dogs Scratched for Fighting after the dog has been Scratched for Fighting twice within a two (2) year period. The third time a dog is Scratched for Fighting within two (2) years, the dog is barred from participating in UKC events for two (2) years. When three (3) reports — Bench Show, Squirrel Hunt (AM or PM), or Coon Hunt have been received by UKC indicating a dog has been "Scratched for Fighting" or attempting to fight within a two (2) year period: The registered owner of the dog will be sent a certified letter advising them of the dates and the names of the clubs that have reported their dog "Scratched for Fighting." They will be requested to return their UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card by a specific date (approximately 30 days). The Registration Certificate will be stamped BARRED FOR FIGHTING UNTIL _____. It will then be sent back to the registered owner. The UKC Easy Entry™ Card will be retained by UKC. The dog will be barred for two (2) years from the date of the third "Scratched for Fighting" offense. At the end of two (2) year period, the registered owner of the dog can return the Registration Certificate, along with the proper fee, to the UKC Registration Office for the issuance of a new Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card. All reference to fighting will be removed, and the dog will once again be allowed to enter UKC licensed events.

If the owner of the dog does not send in the UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card by the deadline indicated in the notification letter, the following actions will be taken.

1. Transfer of ownership will not be allowed.
2. The dog will not be allowed to be used in a breeding program. No litters will be registered where the dog is the sire or dam.
3. The dog will be barred from receiving any UKC Championship Points.

If the UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card is returned after the notification deadline they will be reviewed on an individual basis as to what actions will be taken.

Dogs already reported as Scratched for Fighting will still retain their records.

United Kennel Club has the right to inspect all reports, scorecards and documents of UKC events and to review those documents for any reason. Some, but not all, of the items reviewed are: A) scores; B) dogs scratched for fighting; C) errors by the recording person; and D) documentation excluded for any reason. UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found. Even though the report or other documentation might not have the signatures of a Judge of a cast or the Hunt Master, UKC reserves the right unto itself to make the necessary corrections and adjustments in line with our Inherent Rights and Powers.

UKC Policy for Benefit Events

Revised January 1, 2016

United Kennel Club realizes the importance of supporting charitable organizations and will help any club that is hosting a benefit event to raise money for recognized charities. UKC will donate license fees, recording fees if the procedure and guidelines are followed:

1. UKC must be notified at least 90 days prior to the event that the club is requesting the event to be a benefit.
2. UKC must approve the name of the organization or charity that is to receive the proceeds.



3. No less than 75% of the total profit must be donated by the club to the charity.
4. The signed and completed Benefit Event Application must be received by United Kennel Club two months prior to the event, by the first of that month.
5. After your benefit has been approved, your club will be sent a Benefit Event Financial Statement. This statement must be completed and signed by the authorized recipient of the funds. This must be submitted to United Kennel Club within two weeks of the event in order to receive the donated fees.
6. Clubs holding Annual Benefit Events must follow the procedure every year.

UKC Policy Regarding Cell Phone Usage

All event participants, including spectators, are advised of the following cell phone policy. Any individual found guilty of any electronic messaging prior to the conclusion, with reference to scores that is deemed to have influenced any cast or handler or that is deemed detrimental to the integrity of all scores or the event is subject to suspension by United Kennel Club.

Misconduct & Discipline

For current official UKC Misconduct & Guidelines please reference the official UKC website at www.ukcdogs.com.

Disclaimer: Any UKC Rules and or Policies as written in this rulebook are subject to change. Any such changes will be published in the Rule Sections on the UKC website at www.ukcdogs.com.



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