

2023

# TOTAL DOG INVITATIONAL


**UNITED**  
 KENNEL CLUB

## \$10,000 GRAND PRIZE!

UKC® is pleased to offer the annual Total Dog Invitational, an event centered around the philosophy of “Dogs That Do More™.” The UKC Total Dog Invitational event is the preeminent event for Total Dogs, giving those hardworking dogs and handlers the chance to compete for a **grand prize of \$10,000**.

The three-day event begins on Thursday with Obedience and Rally Obedience. On Friday, dogs can compete in Weight Pull, Agility, and Nosework. Dogs will earn performance points based on their qualifying runs. The event will conclude on Saturday with conformation and a formal awards dinner. Dogs that have qualified in at least one performance event will compete in a randomly selected conformation group where they will earn conformation points. Performance and conformation points will be calculated, and the top ten dogs will be awarded at the evening’s banquet.

**The event will be held on December 14-16, 2023 in Lexington, KY.**

Dogs must be qualified by September 1, 2023

Entries for qualified dogs open October 4, 2023

Entries close on November 10, 2023

### PRIZE PAYOUT

PLACEMENT	PRIZE AMOUNT
Overall Winner	\$10,000.00
2nd	\$5,000.00
3rd	\$2,000.00
4th	\$1,500.00
5th	\$1,000.00
6th	\$600.00
7th	\$500.00
8th	\$400.00
9th	\$300.00
10th	\$200.00

### REGIONAL QUALIFYING EVENTS

To qualify for this event, dogs must earn a Total Dog award at a Regional Qualifying Event (RQE). UKC Classics and the Premier

Nationals will be considered RQEs, and UKC clubs that are planning an event featuring conformation plus a performance event may apply to be considered an RQE.

Clubs may bid to host RQEs by submitting their proposed premium lists, estimated entries, and location and photos of their event site. Preference will be given to clubs that host multiple performance events and have a history of hosting large events. RQE clubs will pay \$5 per entry in event service fees following the event. There will be no licensing fees charged for RQEs. Each club hosting an RQE will be sent a package of promotional materials and Total Dog Qualifier rosettes from UKC.

### EVENT ENTRY

The Total Dog Invitational will be limited to 120 dogs at a cost of \$200 per dog. Event registration will include entry into three performance classes, conformation groups, and our banquet dinner. Exhibitors may add additional performance classes (\$30 per) and additional tickets for the banquet dinner (\$30 per).

A UKC Total Dog Invitation is mailed to the first named owner of a dog who has earned a Total Dog award at a Regional Qualifying Event after September 1, 2023. The invitation will include entry instructions. Entries must be received by UKC by the posted pre-entry deadline. No exceptions will be made. No day of show entries will be taken. To enter the Total Dog Invitational, the entrant for each qualified dog must:

- Submit a completed online entry
- Pay the entry fee
- Be in good standing with UKC
- Be a resident of the United States\*

Entries will be limited to 120 dogs. Entry fees are non-refundable with the following exceptions: a written statement received by UKC from the owner prior to the event date, reporting; 1) a deceased dog; 2) injured dog (must include vet statement); or 3) a female in season.

*\*Owners who are not residents of the United States may compete but are ineligible for cash prizes.*

## PERFORMANCE POINTS

Dogs will compete in events at the invitational to gain points, which will be earned based on qualifying runs. Dogs competing in multiple classes in the same sport will only receive points for the highest level in which they qualified (i.e. a dog that earns a qualifying score in both RO1 and RO2, will receive points for their RO2 performance only). Dogs may compete in any sport but must meet the qualifications to enter each class.

## AGILITY

SCORE	POINTS
Beg AG Q	5
Int AG Q	10
Exc AG Q	15

## OBEDIENCE

SCORE	POINTS
Pre-Novice Q	3
Beg Novice Q	5
Novice Q	8
Adv Novice Q	9
Open Q	10
Adv Open Q	13
Utility Q	15
Master Q	18
Elite Q	20

## NOSEWORK

CLASS Q	POINTS
Novice	3
Advance	5
Superior	8
Master	10
Elite	15

## RALLY OBEDIENCE

SCORE	POINTS
RO 1 Q	5
RO 2 Q	8
RO 3 Q	12
RO Master Q	15

## WEIGHT PULL

PULL (TIMES BODY WEIGHT)	POINTS
8	5
15	8
25	12
35	15

## TITLE BONUS POINTS

Bonus points will be given for titles earned prior to September 1, 2023 in the event types that will not be offered at the Total Dog Invitational up to a maximum of 20 points. This includes Lure Coursing, Precision Coursing, Dock Jumping, SPOT tests, Shed Dog, and UKC hunting events. The point value is determined by the event type and will apply to each individual title earned. For example, a dog that has earned three Dock Jumping titles will receive 15 points.

EVENT TYPE	POINTS PER TITLE
SPOT	1
SPOT-ON	2
Precision Coursing	3
Drag Racing	3
Dock Jumping	5
Lure Coursing	5
Shed Dog	5
Hunting Retriever	5
Nite Hunt	5
Beagle Hunt	5

## CONFORMATION POINTS

Dogs that qualify in a performance event on Thursday or Friday will participate in one of eight randomly selected groups to compete in the conformation portion of the competition on Saturday. The conformation competition will be non-licensed and will be judged by a three - judge panel. Judges will individually score dogs and scores will be calculated to determine placements. Conformation evaluation scores will not be publicly disclosed. Points will be given to dogs based on the following group placements:

GROUP PLACEMENT	POINTS
1st	20
2nd	16
3rd	13
4th	10

The total performance and conformation points earned by all 32 dogs that earn a group placement will be calculated following the awarding of groups. The dogs will be placed according to the total number of points they have earned at the event, and prize money will be awarded to the top 10 dogs.

**Tie Breakers.** In the event that two dogs end up with the same number of points, the dog with the higher group placement in conformation will be placed over the other. If the tie remains, the winner of the tie will go to the dog with the higher evaluation score in conformation.

Prize payouts will be made with a check and mailed within three weeks of the completion of the UKC Total Dog Invitational event. Payouts are subject to any applicable IRS reporting and withholding requirements. An IRS Form 1099 will be issued to all prize winners. To be eligible to receive a prize payout, the first registered owner must complete and submit a completed IRS Form W-9 before UKC (the Company) may issue the check. Prize payouts will be made entirely to the first registered owner of the dog. If the qualified dog is owned by a minor, a parent or guardian of any participant who is a minor must sign a release on behalf of the minor to be eligible to receive a prize, but the Company reserves the right to refuse to award a prize to or on behalf of any minor.

REGIONAL QUALIFYING EVENT CLUB FEES TO BENEFIT GUARANTEED PURSE UKC guarantees and is solely responsible for the total purse as advertised. The additional \$2/entry fee assessed to clubs hosting an RQE will go towards prize money at this prestigious event.

The UKC Total Dog Invitational is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law. The UKC reserves the right to reject entries from countries, states and jurisdictions where such sweepstakes are prohibited or restricted. The UKC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to refuse, disqualify or withdraw any entry at any time.

The UKC will not be responsible for any injury, damage or loss of any kind arising out of your participation in the UKC Total Dog Invitational. YOU AGREE TO RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND HOLD HARMLESS UKC, ITS AFFILIATES, SUBSIDIARIES, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AGENTS AND ASSIGNS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, INJURIES, OR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE UKC TOTAL DOG INVITATIONAL. Except where prohibited by law, by accepting a prize, winner grants UKC a perpetual, worldwide, royalty free license to use winner and his/her dog's name, photograph, voice and/or likeness without further authorization, compensation, or remuneration of any kind for promotion and other publicity purposes in any and all media now or hereafter known throughout the world.

**Please contact the UKC All-Breed Sports department at (269) 343-9020 or [allbreedsports@ukcdogs.com](mailto:allbreedsports@ukcdogs.com) with any questions regarding this event.**

We are looking forward to this exciting event, and we hope you are too!

