# UKC ELITE SHED DOG SERIES®
## DOG OF THE YEAR

## Requirements and conditions that apply exclusively to Dog of the Year events.

- Events will run under UKC Elite Shed Dog Series format and rules.
- 8 qualifying runs at DOY events are required to qualify for Dog of the Year.
- Top 4 placements will be awarded/recorded for each class on each day for Champion AND Working.
- Dog of the Year Series events can be held as 3-day events but ONLY Saturday and Sunday Runs will count towards D.O.Y points.
- Entries may not close until the cut-off date which can be no sooner than 1 month before the event.
- Dogs in heat must be allowed to run in Dog of the Year events.
- Judges and Planters may run for passes towards titles but may not be in contention for DOY points at the event they are judging. **If a judge/planters dog is in heat, it cannot run.**
- Running order shall be new and random for each day of the event.
- In the case of a points tie, the dog with the most 1st place wins will prevail, if tied for 1st place wins, the 2nd place will be reviewed and so on.
- No course will be run twice by the same class for a Dog of the Year event days.
- 3 dogs per class, per handler limit for DOY events.
- Dog of the Year event judges must have had 6 previous assignments in the class they are judging.
- DOY events should make every effort to have the fewest number of plants possible before the first dog in the running order.
- The judge or a non-competing event official will randomly and blindly determine the blanks.

## Season 8 - Dog of the Year Event Schedule

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| May 25-26 | Badger State, WI | Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 | East Central Ohio |
| July 6-7 | Great Lakes Antler Dogs | Dec. 7-8 | Fox Valley, WI |
| Aug. 31 - Sept. 1 | Buckeye Antler Dogs, OH | Dec. 14-15 | Tri-State, MO |
| Sept. 21-22 | Kansas Shed Dogs | Jan. 4-5 | Buck Ridge, IN |
| Oct. 19-20 | Elk River, WV | Feb. 8-9 | Show Me, MO |
| Oct. 26-27 | Oh Deer, IL | March 1-2 | Prairie State Shed Dogs, IL |
| Nov. 2-3 | Southeast Michigan Shed Dogs | March 8-9 | Husker Antler Dogs, NE |

## Points Format

**1st** = 1x #of dogs entered in class
**2nd** = 0.75x #of dogs entered in class
**3rd** = 0.5x #of dogs entered in class
**4th** = 0.25x #of dogs entered in class
**Pass** = 2 points

**NEW FOR CHAMPION & WORKING CLASS**
(Does not affect non-retriever class scoring) A dog will not receive credit for more passes than podium finishes.
Example: 4 podium finishes earn point opportunity for up to 4 passes.

The order in which they are earned does not matter.

Regardless of number of podium finishes, passes still count towards qualifying runs.