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Regulations Governing UKC[®] Licensed Conformation Shows

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of the registered trademark. Notify the United Kennel Club, 100 E Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584, should you become aware of such a violation.

I. Jurisdiction. The following rules and regulations governing UKC licensed conformation shows and the awarding of UKC Championship points and titles issued by United Kennel Club, Inc., are uniform and are not given on a local or geographical basis. All UKC licensed conformation shows shall be governed by the rules herein.

II. Who may offer conformation events. Any UKC single or all-breed club that is eligible to offer conformation shows may be licensed to offer single breed, multiple breed, or all-breed events. UKC reserves the right to grant, withhold or revoke event licenses at its own discretion.

III. Definitions.

A. All-breed show. A conformation show that offers classes for all breeds eligible for UKC conformation privileges.

B. Breeder of record. The owner of the dam on the date of breeding is the breeder of record of all dogs whelped in the resulting litter.

C. Conformation show. A show hosted by a UKC licensed club at which the physical attributes and temperament of purebred dogs are evaluated by Judges in accordance with these rules and the UKC standards for each breed. In the absence of a UKC standard, the FCI standard applies.

D. Corresponding date. UKC schedules events based on a 52-week calendar. If a club offers an event on the 4th Saturday of this year, then that club's corresponding date in all subsequent years is also the 4th Saturday, regardless of the actual date.

E. Customary Exhibition Procedure. Standard conformation procedure, i.e., handler poses dog for examination and gaits the dog in a



prescribed pattern as directed by the judge. Eligible handler exhibits the entry without assistance from a third party.

***F. Day-of-show entry.** Most UKC clubs allow entries to be taken on the day of a show or trial. The start and finish time for taking these entries is published in *BLOODLINES* magazine and on the UKC website. Shows that do not offer day of show entries are designated as “PE (pre-entry) ONLY” in the “Upcoming Event” listings.

G. Determining a dog’s age. In determining a dog’s age for entry purposes, a month-to-month calendar day system shall be used. For example, a dog born on January 1 shall turn six months old on July 1 of the same year.

H. Disqualified. Dog is deemed ineligible for competition. This can be the result of a condition prohibited in the rules, such as an alteration to the dog’s natural state, an undesirable trait as listed in a breed standard, or a condition of or action by a dog that is prohibited under the rules of the United Kennel Club. A dog that has been disqualified from a conformation show or performance event pursuant to Section V may not participate in any further events unless reinstated by UKC.

***I. Eliminating Fault.** This is a fault serious enough that it eliminates the dog from obtaining any awards in a conformation event. Dogs with eliminating faults are not disqualified and may continue to compete at future shows, but they are not to be awarded a ribbon.

J. Excused. A dog that has been excused by a Judge in any event may not participate in any other events of the same type in the same show or trial, except that in Obedience and Agility, an excused dog may compete in another class at the same trial. A dog excused from a conformation class in show 1 may be shown again on the same day in show 2. It is also eligible for any performance events on the same day.

K. Guideline. An indication or outline of recommended policy or conduct.

***L. Immediate family.** The spouse, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, brother or sister of a person are considered immediate family members.

M. Licensed classes. Classes that are required to be offered at a UKC conformation show or performance event.

N. Limited Privilege Program. This program is open to the following, provided they are spayed/neutered: mixed breed dogs, purebred dogs of unknown pedigree, and purebred dogs with disqualifying faults as described in their UKC

breed standard. All Limited Privilege dogs are eligible for Agility, Obedience, and other performance events. Eligibility for future events will be determined and published in UKC publications and on the UKC website.

O. Multi-Breed show. A conformation show that offers classes for more than one breed but fewer than all the breeds eligible for UKC conformation privileges.

P. Non-Licensed classes. Optional classes that may be offered at a UKC conformation show or performance event.

Q. Performance event. Events where a dog is judged on the basis of performance rather than conformation. Agility, obedience, weight pull, terrier racing, dog sport trials are typical performance events.

R. Pre-Entry. Some UKC clubs offer advance entry in addition to day-of-show entry. Advance entries must be submitted by a specific date (published in *BLOODLINES* and on the UKC website), and are normally lower in price than day-of-show entries.

***S. Pre-Entry Only.** Some UKC clubs do not allow day-of-show entries and require that all entries be submitted by a specific date (published in *BLOODLINES* and on the UKC website). These events are described as "PRE-ENTRY ONLY" (PE).

***T. Single breed show.** A conformation show that offers classes for a single breed. This is also sometimes referred to as a "specialty" show.

U. Sportsmanship. Conduct and attitude considered as befitting participants in sports, especially fair play, courtesy and grace in losing.

V. Temporary Listing (TL) number. A Temporary Listing is a number issued to an eligible dog that is not permanently registered with UKC, prior to the start of any licensed events. A TL number allows that dog to be entered and shown as a valid entry, receive wins and have those wins converted onto its record once permanently registered. (Some restrictions apply.)

W. Wicket. A measuring device that is used to accurately determine a dog's height. Height is determined by drawing a straight line from the top of the withers perpendicular to the ground.

X. Withers. The high part of the back of a dog, located between the shoulder blades.

IV. General Rules.

A. Licenses. All licenses for UKC licensed events shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of the United Kennel Club.

B. Regulation and recording of event results. The UKC Dog Events Department regu-

lates and records the results of conformation shows, obedience trials, agility trials, dog sports trials, weight pulls, terrier races and issues awards for levels of achievement at these events. Additional events may be added at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club.

C. Governing rules. UKC licensed events are governed by UKC rules, classifications, and point systems.

***D. Suspended/Barred Individuals.** A list of individuals who have been suspended or barred by UKC will be published in each issue of *BLOODLINES* magazine. A person who is suspended or barred is prohibited from participating in any UKC Licensed event, including, but not limited to owner, co-owner, handler, back-up handler, Judge, guide, vendor, spectator, Master of Hounds, Bench Show Judge, Judge or Director for any Conformation or Performance event.

E. Eligibility for licensed classes. Entry in licensed classes is limited to:

1. Dogs that are permanently registered with UKC as of the day of the event.
2. Dogs that have a valid Temporary Listing (TL) number as of the day of the event.
3. Dogs that have a Limited Privilege (LP) listing number (performance events only) as of the day of the event.
4. At a Pre-Entry only show, the dog must be Permanently Registered, have a valid TL or a valid LP number by the closing date of the event.

F. Eligibility for non-licensed classes. Entry in non-licensed conformation classes is limited as described in Section XXII.

***G. Show Grounds Restrictions.** No dog less than 8 weeks of age may be present on the grounds of a UKC licensed event. Any other dog not entered into the event is at the discretion of the club.

H. Finality of Judges' decisions. By entering any class, the owner and handler of any dog agree to accept the decision of the Judge as final. The decision of a Judge is the responsibility of the Judge and not that of United Kennel Club.

I. When points or legs are awarded. Points or legs earned toward UKC titles are awarded after United Kennel Club has received and processed the official event report from the host club.

J. Title Certificate. UKC will mail the appropriate Title Certificate to the owner on record, once a title has been verified.

K. Responsibility of Owner to advise UKC of address changes. It is the responsibility of the owner on record to notify UKC of

address changes for any UKC registered dogs who may have pending titles.

L. UKC right to review and correct event-related documents. UKC has the right to inspect all reports, score sheets, and other documents related to UKC licensed events and to review those documents for any reason. UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found. Pursuant to the Inherent Rights and Powers, UKC employees may make corrections, additions or deletions to any documents related to UKC licensed events, regardless of whether or not those documents are signed by a Judge or club officer.

M. UKC right to change rules, policies and fees. UKC reserves the right to change rules, policies, and fees at any time without notice.

N. Required inoculations. All dogs six months of age or older must have inoculations for Rabies, Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus to be eligible to compete at UKC events. Dogs under six months of age present on the grounds of any UKC event must have current inoculations for Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus. Failure to comply with this paragraph will result in disciplinary action.

V. Dog Temperament and Behavior. Owners of UKC Registered dogs are responsible for the behavior of their dogs at UKC events. Dogs participating in UKC events are expected to have stable temperaments appropriate to their breeds and to be sufficiently well trained so that no dog's behavior interferes with the Judge's ability to evaluate the dog or its performance. Owners or designated handlers are expected to ensure at all times that their dogs present no threat to persons or other dogs attending the event.

A. Excusing a dog for temperament or behavior in the ring. A Judge may excuse a dog when the dog's behavior significantly interferes with the Judge's ability to evaluate the dog or with the ability of other exhibitors to show their dogs. This includes, but is not limited to, such behavior as not standing for examination or refusing to walk. A Judge must excuse a dog when the dog's demeanor gives the Judge reason to believe that the dog may not safely be examined by the Judge. In such cases, the Judge must mark the dog "Excused" in the Judge's book and state the reason for the excusal. The Judge's decision in such matters is final.

B. Disqualifying a dog for temperament or behavior.

1. When the bite or attack occurs in the ring. A Judge must disqualify a dog that bites or

attempts to bite a person, or that bites or attacks another dog. The term “attack” shall be construed to include unprovoked physical contact between the two dogs. If the bite, attempted bite or attack occurs in the ring, the Judge must mark the dog “disqualified” in the Judge’s book and state the reason for the disqualification. The Judge’s decision in such matters is final. The Judge must complete the UKC “Disqualified for Attacking” report form and report any such incident to the Event Committee immediately.

2. When the bite or attack occurs elsewhere. Any person who witnesses a dog biting or attempting to bite a person, or biting or attacking another dog anywhere on the event grounds other than in the ring must report it immediately to a member of the Event Committee or the host club. The host club must investigate the alleged bite, attempted bite or attack and the club must file a complaint using the procedure outlined in Section VII of this rulebook. Once the complaint is complete, the Event Committee must send the complaint to UKC with their Event Report. The dog is considered disqualified in this situation and must not enter or exhibit at any UKC Licensed event until reinstated by UKC, and the Event Committee must immediately notify all concerned parties of same.

3. UKC procedures for dogs disqualified under this section. When UKC is notified that a dog has been disqualified under this section, the owner of the dog will be notified by certified mail of the Judge’s report (disqualified in the ring) or the findings and recommendations of the host club (Complaint and hearing for biting or attacking outside the ring). The owner of the dog shall have 14 days from receipt of this notification to show cause why the dog should not be barred from participating in future UKC events and from all registration privileges. After reviewing any mitigating or extenuating evidence submitted by the owner, a Disciplinary Committee composed of UKC staff members shall make a finding of facts and determine the penalty, and this ruling shall be final. The owner of the dog shall be notified of the outcome within 30 days of receipt of the owner’s response. Owners of dogs that are barred from registration privileges are required to return the dog’s UKC registration certificate within 14 days of notice that the dog is barred. Failure to promptly return the registration certificate can result in loss of UKC privileges. Dogs barred from registration privileges may not be transferred. The name, breed and owner of a

dog barred from registration privileges shall be published once in the first issue of *BLOODLINES* magazine after the owner is notified.

VI. Use of Alcohol and Illegal Drugs at Events. The use of alcohol and illegal drugs at UKC events is prohibited. Violators may be excused from the ring by the Judge and from the show or event grounds by the Event Committee or any officer of the host club. The decisions of these officials are final. The Event Secretary is to file a Misconduct and Discipline form notifying UKC in writing of any Judge who is excused by the host club for violation of this rule.

VII. Misconduct and Discipline.

A. Standard of conduct at a UKC event.

United Kennel Club events are intended to be family-oriented recreation for dog lovers and their UKC Registered dogs. Accordingly, UKC expects the highest standard of conduct at events.

B. Misconduct. Misconduct may be defined as conduct by a person that is prejudicial to the interests of the sport of purebred dogs. There are two general categories of misconduct:

1. Wrongdoing at a UKC event. This may include, but is not limited to, threatening, assaulting or battering another individual; falsifying any event-related document; cheating or conspiring to cheat in order to improve the standing of any dog competing at an event; abusing or neglecting a dog; throwing bait in the ring; littering the ring with bait; using bait or a squeaker in the ring when a Judge has prohibited their use.

2. Wrongdoing not associated with a UKC event. This may include, but is not limited to, falsification of UKC registration papers; misidentification of a dog or the parentage of a dog; abuse or neglect of dogs; or continued failure to keep proper registration records.

C. Jurisdiction. All persons present on the grounds of a UKC event during the event hours are subject to the jurisdiction of the UKC. In addition, UKC has jurisdiction over any misconduct that may occur off the grounds of the event or outside event hours, provided that the misconduct is reasonably related to the event. This paragraph shall be interpreted as broadly as is necessary to regulate such off-grounds misconduct as abuse of motel rooms by persons attending the events.

D. Procedures for handling misconduct during or associated with an event

1. The complaint.

a. Who must file a complaint. Any person or persons who become aware of an act of

misconduct during the hours of a UKC event, must notify either the Event Chairperson or the Event Secretary at any time during the hours of the event.

(1) When a Judge observes misconduct in the ring. Any Judge who observes misconduct by an exhibitor in the Judge's ring must excuse the exhibitor from the ring and file a complaint with the Event Chairperson or Event Secretary as soon as practicable. The Judge must note the reason for excusal in his/her Judge's book.

(2) When a person is excused for misconduct in the ring. A person excused by the Judge for misconduct in the ring may not show in any other class or event until after his/her hearing. The club shall not refund any entry fees unless the Hearing Committee makes a finding that the alleged misconduct did not occur, that the misconduct was not prejudicial to the interests of the sport of pure-bred dogs, or that the misconduct did not occur in conjunction with a UKC event. No dog owned or co-owned by the excused person may continue in further competition until the matter has been resolved by a hearing. If the excused person is handling a dog that he/she does not own or co-own, that dog may be returned to competition with another handler.

(3) When a person observes misconduct by a member of the Event Committee or a Judge at an event. Any person who becomes aware of an act of misconduct by a member of the Event Committee or a Judge during the hours of an event must file a complaint in accordance with this Section. Complaints about a Judge's placements must be dealt with in accordance with Section XV, Paragraph A.

b. Upon receipt of a complaint. Upon receipt of a complaint, the Event Chairperson shall provide the complainant with a UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form. The complainant must enter the name of the subject of the complaint (hereinafter referred to as the "respondent") in Section 3, and complete all of Sections 1 and 2, providing the following:

(1) Section 1. The club name, location of the event, the date of the incident, and the name of the Event Chairperson.

(2) Section 2. The complainant's name, address, daytime and evening phone num-

bers, and the facts and circumstances of the alleged misconduct, including the specific sections of the pertinent UKC rulebook which have allegedly been violated.

The Event Chairperson shall then appoint from the officers and directors of the host club, two persons who shall serve, with the Event Chairperson, as the Hearing Committee, except that no officer or director who witnessed the alleged misconduct shall serve on the Hearing Committee. Additionally, no person who is related to or living in the same household as either the complainant or any accused person shall serve on the hearing committee. If no officer or director is eligible to serve, then other club members may be appointed. The Event Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson of the Hearing Committee and shall set a time and place for the hearing. If the Event Chairperson witnessed the alleged misconduct, he/she shall appoint, from the officers and directors of the host club, three persons who shall serve as the Hearing Committee and shall also designate one to serve as Chairperson of the Hearing Committee. The Chairperson of the Hearing Committee shall appoint a member to record the notes of the hearing. The place for the hearing shall be on the event grounds and the hearing time shall be set so as to give the respondent adequate time to prepare for the hearing.

2. Notice. As soon as possible after receiving the complaint, the Hearing Chairperson shall advise the respondent of:

- a.** The specific conduct that is the subject of the complaint and the time and place at which the alleged misconduct occurred;
- b.** The name of the complainant;
- c.** The names of witnesses against him/her; and,
- d.** The time and place of the hearing.

The Hearing Chairperson must enter the respondent's address and daytime and evening phone numbers in Section 3 of the complaint. He/she may obtain this information directly from the respondent or from respondent's UKC official entry form, if the respondent is an exhibitor. If the respondent cannot be located on the grounds, the Hearing Chairperson shall select a date, time and place for the hearing and notify the respondent in writing by certified mail (return receipt

requested) at the mailing address on the UKC official entry form or the respondent's last known address, whichever is applicable. Every reasonable effort shall be made to locate and notify the respondent of the complaint and hearing. Hearings not held on the day of the event must be held no more than 28 calendar days from the date of the event.

3. If the respondent fails to appear at the hearing. If, after having been advised of the complaint and the date, time and place of the hearing, the respondent fails to appear, the hearing shall proceed without the respondent.

4. The Hearing.

a. Advisement of respondent's rights.

The Hearing Committee Chairperson shall advise the respondent of the following rights:

(1) The right to be present during the testimony of all witnesses;

(2) The right to cross-examine all witnesses;

(3) The right to present witnesses on his/her own behalf; and,

(4) The right to testify in his/her own behalf.

b. Witnesses. All witnesses who come before the Hearing Committee shall testify under oath administered by the Hearing Chairperson. Witnesses who are unable to attend in person may testify by telephone.

c. Order of testimony. The complainant shall present his/her evidence first, followed by the respondent's evidence.

d. Cross-examination. Each party shall be allowed to cross-examine the other's witnesses. Members of the Hearing Committee shall also be allowed to question the witnesses.

e. Spectators. Spectators shall not be allowed at Hearing Committee hearings except for UKC Field Representatives appointed to attend the hearing on behalf of UKC or UKC staff.

f. Attorneys. No party shall be entitled to have an attorney present at the hearing.

5. Findings. At the conclusion of the hearing, the complainant, respondent and all witnesses shall be excused. The Hearing Committee shall deliberate and make their findings based on a preponderance of the evidence. A two-thirds majority is sufficient to make findings. The findings shall be reported as follows:

a. Whether the alleged misconduct was proven to have occurred;

b. Whether the alleged misconduct was prejudicial to the interests of the sport of purebred dogs;

- c.** Whether the alleged misconduct occurred in connection with a UKC event.

In reaching its decision, the Hearing Committee may not consider the respondent's general reputation or status in the sport of purebred dogs, prior acts of misconduct, nor the extent of the respondent's investment in dogs. The sole consideration must be the specific instance of misconduct with which the respondent is charged.

6. Completing The UKC® Misconduct Report And Hearing Form. The Hearing Committee Chairperson shall complete Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Misconduct Report and Hearing Form as follows:

a. Section 4: The name, address and phone number of each witness and a summary of each witness's testimony. This summary shall include all pertinent facts provided by the witness. If the space on the form is insufficient, additional sheets of paper may be used to record the summary.

b. Section 5: The date and time that respondent was notified of the hearing and the names, addresses and daytime and evening phone numbers of the Hearing Committee members.

c. Section 6: The Hearing Committee's findings and recommendations shall be entered in this section. In addition, each member of the Hearing Committee shall then sign the form in the space provided and enter his/her address, daytime and evening phone numbers and e-mail.

Within 10 calendar days of the hearing, the Hearing Chairperson shall forward one copy of the UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form to United Kennel Club. The club hosting the event shall also keep a copy of the completed UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form.

E. Misconduct by an Event-giving club.

When any person or persons become aware of an act of misconduct by an event-giving club, its event officials, any person acting in an official capacity or acting event manager during the hours of a UKC event must make written notification of the violation by the club to UKC within 7 days of the event.

F. Penalties. The appropriate UKC Department Head shall review all Hearing Committee findings and staff investigation results with the UKC Disciplinary Committee. If a Hearing Committee's findings of prejudicial misconduct are upheld, the Disciplinary Committee shall impose one or

more of the following penalties:

1. Probation. Probation can last for a period up to three years. During the period of probation, the individual shall be closely monitored by UKC. Any further instances of misconduct may result in an immediate suspension or barring of the individual at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee and without further due process.

2. Suspension. The Disciplinary Committee shall impose a minimum three hundred dollar fine and a minimum one-year suspension for probation violations and for most serious acts of misconduct. The suspension will begin immediately upon notification by certified mail (return receipt requested) but the fine must be paid before the time counts toward the sentence. For example, a person may be notified on January 1 that his penalty will be a one-year suspension and a fine of three hundred dollars. This individual will be suspended as soon as he is notified of the penalty but the one-year suspension does not start until the date the fine is paid. If the suspended individual waits until March 1 to pay his fine, his suspension will actually run fourteen months until midnight of February 28 the following year.

3. Barring. The Disciplinary Committee shall bar an individual for an indefinite period of time for repeat instances of misconduct or for the most serious forms of misconduct, including cruelty to dogs. The period of barring shall begin upon notification of the respondent by certified mail (return receipt requested).

4. Privileges lost during suspension or barring. The following rules apply to persons who are barred or suspended:

a. A suspended/barrred person may not register any dogs in his/her name (joint or individual ownership).

b. No dog registered in the name of a suspended/barrred person (joint or individual ownership) may be used for breeding and no offspring of such a dog is eligible for registration with UKC.

c. A suspended/barrred person may transfer any dogs currently registered in his/her name (joint or individual ownership), except that no dog registered in the name of a suspended/barrred person, regardless of co-ownership status, may be transferred to any member of that person's family.

d. A suspended/barrred person may not regis-

ter any litters or sign any litter registrations in any capacity.

e. A suspended/banned person may not enter or participate in any way in any UKC licensed event.

f. No dog registered in the name of a suspended/banned person (joint or individual ownership) may be entered or participate in any way in any UKC licensed event nor may such a dog receive points or legs toward any UKC title.

g. Appeals. Any person placed on probation, suspended or barred may appeal directly, in writing, to the UKC President. An appeal must be filed not later than 30 days from the date a person is notified of the probation, suspension or barring. The decision of the President is final.

h. UKC Inherent Rights and Powers. Notwithstanding anything herein and regardless of whether these procedures are followed, under the Inherent Rights and Powers, UKC reserves the right to itself and its sole judgment and discretion, to investigate any misconduct and to impose such sanctions and penalties as deemed appropriate.

VIII. Entering a UKC® Event. Dogs must be permanently registered, have a Limited Privilege number (performance events & Junior Showmanship), or have a valid Temporary Listing Number.

A. Official UKC® Entry Form. Entries to all events for both licensed and non-licensed classes must be submitted using the most current official UKC entry form. Entry forms must be complete when submitted to the Event Secretary, including a valid UKC Permanent Registration number, UKC Limited Privilege number or UKC Temporary Listing number. Incomplete or unsigned entry forms, or entries unaccompanied by entry fees, are invalid and are to be refused by the Event Secretary/Event Manager. See Section XII.

B. Entry procedures and deadlines.

1. Entry procedures for licensed classes. UKC clubs must use the following procedures for taking entries for licensed classes:

a. Day-of-show entries. Clubs accepting day-of-show entries must set a specific time period during which the Event Secretary will take entries for the event. This information will be published with the other event information in *BLOODLINES* magazine and on www.ukcdogs.com. No entries will be taken at the event except during the specified time period. In the

case of extreme weather or other emergency conditions, the Event Committee may decide to extend the taking of entries or delay the start of all judging by a reasonable period of time, or both. In such cases, the extension of entry-taking or delay of judging must be explained in writing by the Event Secretary when submitting the Event report.

b. Pre-entry. Clubs accepting pre-entries must establish a pre-entry deadline after which no further pre-entries will be accepted. The pre-entry deadline must be published with the other event information in *BLOODLINES* magazine and on www.ukcdogs.com. Clubs may offer a discounted entry fee for pre-entries. In such cases, exhibitors whose entries fail to arrive by the deadline date must pay the full entry fee.

c. Pre-entry only. Clubs may elect not to take day of show entries. In such a case, the club must include this information on its "Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend". Such events will be designated "PE ONLY" at the top of their listing in *BLOODLINES* magazine and on www.ukcdogs.com.

2. Entry procedures for non-licensed classes. Entries for non-licensed classes may be taken at any time up to the start of judging for these classes.

3. An entry which specifies any condition as to its acceptance must not be made and must not be accepted by a club.

4. Refusing an entry. Host clubs may refuse the entry of an otherwise eligible dog. While a club's decision is subject to review by UKC, it will not be overturned except where there is strong evidence that the club's decision is based on prohibited categories of discrimination (race, religion, national origin, etc.) or personal disputes.

5. Refund or Cancellation of Entry. The host club shall be responsible for their own refund and/or cancellation of entry policy. It is suggested that the policy be posted.

6. Entry numbers and armbands. Each dog shall be assigned an entry number and the host club must provide armbands displaying the entry number to the person exhibiting the dog. Each exhibitor must wear the armband with the number visible to the judge when in the ring.

***7. Substitution of an Entered Dog.** Substitution of an entered dog may be allowed at the club's discretion, so long as the requirements outlined in "Entering a UKC Event" are followed and the new dog meets the eligibility require-

ments to be entered. Substitution of a dog is prohibited when the dog is ineligible to compete. Owners that are substituting a dog for an entered dog must submit a completed Official UKC Entry form along with Correction/Class change form outlining the details of the substitution.

***8. Entering a dog into a class divided into varieties.** The person completing the entry form when entering a dog of one of the breeds divided into varieties (see Section XIV) must enter the variety in the space provided. When entering a dog of one of the breeds divided into varieties by height or weight, the owner or exhibitor must enter the dog's height on the entry form.

9. Corrections to entry form. An exhibitor or owner may make corrections on an entry form anytime prior to the judging of the class in which the dog is entered. An exhibitor or owner may change the dog's name or the dog's registration number on an individual entry, but he/she may not change both on the same entry. The exhibitor must complete a Correction/Class Change Form as provided by the club. The Event Secretary must attach the form to the original entry.

C. Dogs not permanently registered.

Dogs that are not permanently registered or have a UKC Limited Privilege number must have a Temporary Listing number to enter into licensed events.

Rules applying to Temporary Listing (TL) Numbers. Temporary Listing numbers are only valid at events licensed by the Dog Events Department and the Pointing Dog events program. TL numbers may be purchased and issued at events listing availability in *BLOODLINES* and on www.ukcdogs.com. Temporary Listing numbers may also be purchased and issued on the same day by calling the Dog Events Department at UKC during regular business hours. All Temporary Listing Numbers are non-refundable, non-transferable, and do not apply to the cost of permanent registration or Limited Privilege numbers.

A Temporary Listing (TL) number may be issued to:

- 1.** Any purebred dog that is eligible for registration with UKC
- 2.** Any spayed/neutered purebred dog that is ineligible for registration with UKC
- 3.** Any spayed/neutered mixed-bred dog eligible to participate in UKC performance events.
 - a.** Temporary Listing Numbers must be

assigned before or on the show date. TL Numbers that are issued after the event will be considered invalid.

b. TL numbers are not valid for events that have already occurred.

c. TL numbers may be used to enter as many UKC events licensed by the Dog Events Department as the owner wishes before and until the dog is permanently registered or permanently listed with UKC.

d. TL numbers are no longer valid once a dog is permanently registered or permanently listed with UKC.

e. Dogs permanently registered within 60 days from the issue date of the TL will automatically have any wins posted to their permanent record.

f. Dogs registered after 60 days from the date of issue, must pay a fee to have their points applied to the dogs' permanent record based upon the conversion table below. (Note: normal registration application fees still apply.)

g. Any wins, titles earned, Top Ten points or All Star points will not reflect on the dog's record until it is permanently registered.

TL NUMBER TO PERMANENT UKC NUMBER CONVERSION FEE TABLE.

(Registration fees must accompany the application for UKC registration.) From the date of TL purchase to the actual date we receive the Registration application at the UKC offices:

0-60 days.....	No charge
61-120 days.....	\$50
121-180 days.....	\$100
181-240 days.....	\$150
241-320 days.....	\$200
321-365 days.....	\$250
365+ days.....	\$300

4. A TL number must not be issued to the following dogs:

- A dog that has previously been issued a UKC permanent registration number;
- A dog that has previously been issued a UKC Limited Privilege number;
- American Eskimo Dogs, Havanese, Plott Hounds or Toy Fox Terriers that do not possess a UKC Application for Permanent Registration;
- American Leopard Hounds, American Black

& Tan, Bluetick, English, Redbone, or Treeing Walker Coonhounds. No TL number may be issued to a dog of these breeds unless that dog is part of a litter that is already registered with UKC. These Coonhound breeds have specific open registration periods. The open registration dates are determined by the National Breed Associations and may make it impossible for the owner of a temporary-listed dog to register within the 60-day free conversion period. An owner of an unregistered dog of any of these breeds should contact UKC for the dates of the open registration periods for his/her dog;

- Temporary Listing numbers are not valid for events held under the rules that govern licensed Coonhound or Beagle events;

5. The following dogs that are not part of a UKC Registered Litter must be a minimum of 1 year of age before they are eligible for permanent registration with UKC. The dog may be issued a TL number for licensed events but the owner **MUST** understand that unless it is permanently registered within the 60 day time frame of eligible registration, the TL history cannot be converted onto its permanent record, free of charge: Akbash Dog, American Pit Bull Terrier, Anatolian Shepherd, Epagneul Breton (French Brittany), and Kangal Dog.

6. No Top Ten points or new titles will be awarded until a dog with a TL number has been permanently registered.

IX. Judging Schedule.

A. Start time for licensed classes. At pre-entry only shows, judging must start at the advertised start time. At all other shows, judging must start at the advertised start time or as soon as possible thereafter if there are a large number of day-of-show entries. No dogs are to be judged prior to the start time as published on the Upcoming Events listing at www.ukcdogs.com. Dogs should be present at their ring at time of judging. Judges are not required to wait for dogs.

B. Non-licensed classes start time. Non-licensed classes must be scheduled so that they do not interfere in any way with the judging of licensed classes, except that:

1. At the discretion of the Event Committee, breed specific non-licensed classes may be scheduled immediately following Best of Breed judging for that breed.

2. Groups may be judged in any order.

Group competition may commence immediately after all breeds for that group have been judged, except that the judging of the Herding Group shall not be delayed if Belgian Shepherd Dog judging is not completed by the time all other Groups have been judged.

3. Best In Show or Best In Multi-Breed Show judging shall start after all Group judging is completed.

C. Scheduling performance and conformation events when there is only one ring available. When the show site only accommodates a single ring, and a club is offering both conformation and a performance event, conformation shall be judged last so that the performance dogs are not distracted by the scent of female dogs in season.

X. Judge Changes

A. Change of Judge after event has been published in *BLOODLINES*. The host club must make every reasonable effort to notify exhibitors of the change and offer refunds to all pre-entered exhibitors who submit a written request for refund of their entry fee(s). Judge changes must be posted in plain view at the event site during event hours.

B. Appointing an emergency replacement Judge. If, on the day of the event, a Judge is unable to start or complete his/her assignment, the Event Chairperson must appoint an emergency replacement Judge. Points or legs earned by exhibitors under emergency replacement Judges shall be considered as if they were earned under the original Judge for the purpose of calculating required wins under different Judges.

XI. United Kennel Club policy on Show Site Changes and Canceled events.

***A. United Kennel Club policy on Show Site Changes.** When a club has to change their location after it has been published in the Upcoming Events Listing of *BLOODLINES*, the following procedures must be followed to assure adequate notice of the changes is given to all exhibitors that may attend the event.

***1. The club must notify UKC of the event site change and provide the following:**

- a.** Reason for the event site change,
- b.** The City and State location of the new event site location,
- c.** Driving directions to the new event site location



d. And the distance in travel time from the old location to the new location.

***2.** Upon UKC approval of the new event site, the club must notify all exhibitors who have pre-entered the event of the change of location and include directions to the new show site.

***3.** Clubs must send out notification of the event site change to all exhibitors who were mailed a Premium List for the event.

***4.** The club may be required to have signs posted at the old show site directing exhibitors to the new location. Additionally, the club should, if at all possible, provide someone at the old show site to direct exhibitors to the new location.

***5.** Because of the change of location, it is possible that exhibitors might miss the Day of Show entry deadline time. To accommodate these exhibitors, the club must be prepared to extend the Day of Show entry deadline and the show start time. Driving time between the old and new locations should be used as a guideline in setting the new entry deadlines and show start times. The club must post a sign with the extended entry times and start of show times at the site.

***6.** Clubs must refund any pre-entry fee(s), upon the exhibitor's written request, made prior to or at the show, for any dog that was not exhibited due to the change in location.

***B. United Kennel Club policy on Canceled events.**

Clubs wishing to cancel an approved/published event must submit the reason why the event is being cancelled. The cancellation request must be submitted in writing and the letter of cancellation must contain the signatures of two officers of the club that is canceling the event. Permission to cancel an event must be received from UKC before the club sends notification to the judges and exhibitors that the event has been cancelled. The decision to refund license fees in whole or in part shall be based on the following criteria:

1. A club that cancels its event before the application deadline date and before the application has been processed by UKC will receive a full refund.

2. A club that cancels its event before the application deadline date but after the application has been processed by UKC will receive a refund equal to the license fees less \$20 per application.

3. A club that cancels its event after the event information has been published in *BLOODLINES* magazine shall receive no refund of license fees.

4. In addition to the above rules regarding licensing fees, and depending on the individual cir-

cumstances, UKC may also require the club to take the following action(s):

- a.** The club must reimburse scheduled Judges for all expenses incurred on behalf of the club for the canceled event.
 - b.** An Event Committee member must stay at the event site during the previously-scheduled event hours to inform all exhibitors or spectators that the event was canceled.
 - c.** The club must return all Pre-Entry fees.
 - d.** The club must mail an event cancellation letter to each person that was mailed a Premium List or other advertisement of the event.
 - e.** The club will be assessed additional fees for expenses incurred as a result of late changes to *BLOODLINES* magazine.
- 5.** A club that cancels their event without UKC approval will be subject to disciplinary action, which may result in the loss of privileges.
- 6.** A club that shows a pattern of scheduling and canceling events may lose its status as a UKC Licensed club.

XII. Licensed classes.

A. Rules applying to licensed classes.

- 1.** No dog may be entered in more than one licensed conformation class at the same event.
- 2.** No dog may be entered or shown in a licensed event that has been previously disqualified, except as noted. A dog that has been excused by a judge may be shown in subsequent events. A dog that has been disqualified by a judge under its breed standard (for a reason other than attacking or attempting to attack) may be shown in subsequent events. A dog that has been disqualified under its breed standard three times is ineligible to compete at UKC events. A dog that is disqualified for attacking or attempting to attack (bite) may not be shown at subsequent events until such time as it has been reinstated by UKC.
- 3.** Once in the ring, dogs may not leave until the class is over or unless excused or disqualified by the Judge.
- 4.** If a dog is found to have been exhibited in the wrong class, the class shall not be re-judged.
- 5.** If a dog is not present for the judging of the class in which it is entered, said dog shall be marked absent. No class once judged shall be re-judged.
- 6.** Class winners must compete in the next level of competition through Best of Breed unless defeated, excused, disqualified, or if the dog becomes ill or lame. Dogs withdrawn from com-

petition for health reasons may be required by the Event Committee to present the dog to the show veterinarian to verify the dog's condition.

7. Invalid entries.

a. Any dog shown in a licensed class and whose entry is subsequently determined to be invalid shall receive no points but shall count as having competed.

b. No points or awards shall be given to the second place dog in any regular licensed class when the entry of a class winner is subsequently determined to be invalid.

c. When the entry of a dog is subsequently determined to be invalid, and that dog has won the licensed class for which there is a Reserve award (Best Male/Female of Variety, Best Male/Female, and Champion classes) given, all points may be given to the Reserve winner from that class. The reserve win may or may not include the competition win. Best of Winners, Best of Breed and Top Ten Points earned by the invalid entry will not be awarded to the Reserve winner.

8. Class changes.

a. Lateral class changes. A lateral Class change moving from an age regulated class to the Breeder/Handler class is prohibited. However a dog may be moved from the Breeder/Handler class to the appropriate age regulated class if the Breeder of record is unable to exhibit the dog.

b. Class Changes and Posting of class change policy. Class changes must be completed no later than one-half hour prior to the start of any regular judging on the day of the show. In the case of a club running two shows simultaneously, the club must post its class change policy at the entry table and the Event Secretary's table on the day of the show, or publish the class change policy in the Judging Schedule.

c. Official UKC Class Change/Entry Correction form. Class change requests or corrections to any entry form must be done in writing using an Official UKC Class Change/Entry Correction Form as provided by the club. The Event Secretary must attach the form to the original entry.

d. Moving up or moving to a lower level of competition. Any dog that has, according to the owner's records, completed the requirements for a UKC title may be shown at the next level of competition at the first event following the completion of requirements for

the title. At UKC licensed conformation shows and performance trials where two events are held concurrently, any dog completing the requirements for a title at Show/Trial 2 cannot be moved up to the next level of competition for Show/Trial 1. If an exhibitor chooses to compete in Show/Trial 1, he/she must do so in the lower class. Dogs completing title requirements at show/Trial 1 may transfer to the next level of competition for Show/Trial 2, and may compete at the higher level of competition.

i. If a dog is moved to a higher class prior to UKC notification.

(a) Moving back to lower level of competition. Once a dog has been shown at the higher level of competition, it may not be returned to a lower level unless the owner has been notified by UKC that the dog is ineligible for the higher level.

(b) Owner's records are incorrect. If the owner's records are incorrect, all wins earned while showing at the higher level of competition shall be invalid.

ii. Moving a dog to the Champion/ Grand Champion class after Official Notification from UKC.

Once an owner has been notified that his/her dog has earned the Champion or Grand Champion title, that dog is ineligible for the Regular Classes and must thereafter be shown in the class appropriate to its title.

iii. UKC Official Notification. Once UKC has officially recorded a Championship or Grand Championship title and has issued and mailed the appropriate title certificate, the owner shall be deemed notified.

B. Determining height and weight of entered dogs.

***1. General rules.** A Judge may require that any dog be measured. Exhibitors in the ring have the right to require that a dog competing in the ring be measured or weighed for those breeds with a height or weight disqualification, except that Toy Fox Terriers are only required to be weighed in accordance with paragraph 2 below. The Judge will comply with an exhibitor's request if it is made before the class judging is complete. The Judge's determination of the dog's height or weight is final. The judge must note in the Judge's book the height or weight of any dog disqualified as a result of measuring. Height is determined by drawing a straight line from the top of the withers perpendicular to the ground. Judges cannot disqualify dogs shown in the Puppy class for being under height or weight minimums.

a. A wicket must be available and provided by the club for use in measuring dogs' heights.

b. A weight scale must be available and provided by the club for use in weighing dogs.

2. Weight rules for Toy Fox Terriers. All Toy Fox Terriers must be weighed once per weekend before being exhibited. Once a dog has been weighed in, it is considered weighed in for those shows hosted by that club on that weekend and it cannot be required to be weighed again. Clubs hosting Toy Fox Terriers must provide a scale on the day of the show to weigh Toy Fox Terrier entrants. Dogs may be weighed by the Judge, Event Committee members, or officers of the host club. No person who is exhibiting a Toy Fox Terrier in a show may weigh a competitor's dog prior to that show. Dogs entered on the day of the show may be weighed at the time of entry. Dogs entered prior to the day of the show must be weighed prior to check-in at the entry table. Individual dog weights must be noted on the entry form by the Event Secretary. Toy Fox Terriers weighing over 7 pounds may not be shown in another conformation event unless and until they have officially weighed in at 7 pounds or under.

C. Dogs that may compete in licensed classes. The following dogs are eligible to compete in UKC licensed conformation classes, provided that they are intact and neither blind nor deaf. A dog is blind if it has no useful sight. A dog is deaf if it has been determined to be unilaterally or bilaterally deaf by means of a Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response (BAER) test.

1. Purebred dogs that are permanently registered with UKC as of the day of the show or,

2. Purebred dogs that have a valid Temporary Listing (TL) number as of the day of the show.

D. Classes - please refer to charts on pages 70 & 71.

1. Regular classes. These classes are for dogs that have not attained their Champion or Grand Champion title. Classes shall be divided by sex and by variety, for those breeds that have varieties. The Judge shall give up to four placements, where possible, in these classes. Where classes are divided by sex, all male classes shall be judged before female classes.

a. Puppy Male or Puppy Female. For dogs 6 months of age and under one year of age, that have not attained their Champion or Grand Champion title.

b. Junior Male or Junior Female. For dogs one year of age and under two years of

age that have not attained their Champion or Grand Champion title.

c. Senior Male or Senior Female. For dogs two years of age and under three years of age that have not attained their Champion or Grand Champion title.

d. Adult Male or Adult Female. For dogs three years of age and older that have not attained their Champion or Grand Champion title.

e. Breeder/Handler Male or Breeder/Handler Female. For dogs six months of age or older that have not attained their Champion or Grand Champion title, and that are handled in this class by a breeder of record at UKC, or by a member of the immediate family of a breeder of record.

2. Best Male of Variety (for breeds with varieties). This class shall consist of the first place winners of the Puppy Male of Variety, Junior Male of Variety, Senior Male of Variety, Adult Male of Variety, and Breeder/Handler Male of Variety. This class shall be offered for each variety within the breed. The Judge shall select a single winner in this class.

3. Reserve Best Male of Variety (for breeds with varieties). This class shall consist of the second place winner (if there is one) in the class from which the Best Male of Variety was selected, and the remaining first place class winners that competed for Best Male of Variety. This class shall be offered for each variety within the breed. The judge shall select a single winner in this class.

4. Best Male class. The Judge shall select a single winner in this class.

a. For breeds without varieties. This class shall consist of the first place winners of the Puppy Male, Junior Male, Senior Male, Adult Male and Breeder/Handler Male classes.

b. For breeds with varieties. This class shall consist of the winners of each Best Male of Variety class.

5. Reserve Best Male. The Judge shall select a single winner in this class.

a. For breeds without varieties. This class shall consist of the second place winner (if there is one) from the class from which the Best Male was selected, and the remaining first place class winners that competed for Best Male.

b. For breeds with varieties. This class shall consist of the Reserve Best Male of Variety from the same variety class from which the Best Male was selected, and the remaining

Best Males of Variety that competed for Best Male.

6. Best Female of Variety (for breeds with varieties). This class shall consist of the first place winners of the Puppy Female of Variety, Junior Female of Variety, Senior Female of Variety, Adult Female of Variety, and Breeder/Handler Female of Variety for each variety within a breed. This class shall be offered for each variety within the breed. The Judge shall select a single winner in this class.

7. Reserve Best Female of Variety. This class shall consist of the second place winner (if there is one) in the class from which the Best Female of Variety was selected, and the remaining first place class winners that competed for Best Female of Variety. This class shall be offered for each variety within the breed. The Judge shall select a single winner in this class.

8. Best Female class. The Judge shall select a single winner in this class.

a. For breeds without varieties. This class shall consist of the first place winners of the Puppy Female, Junior Female, Senior Female, Adult Female and Breeder/Handler Female classes.

b. For breeds with varieties. This class shall consist of the winners of each Best Female of Variety class.

9. Reserve Best Female. The Judge shall select a single winner in this class.

a. For breeds without varieties. This class shall consist of the second place winner (if there is one) from the class from which the Best Female was selected, and the remaining first place class winners that competed for Best Female.

b. For breeds with varieties. This class shall consist of the Reserve Best Female of Variety from the same variety class from which the Best Female was selected, and the remaining Best Females of Variety that competed for Best Female.

10. Best of Winners. This class shall consist of the winner of the Best Male class and the winner of the Best Female class. This class shall not be held unless both Best Male and Best Female are awarded.

11. Champion. This class shall consist of dogs of both sexes that have earned their UKC Champion title. The Judge shall select a Champion class winner and a Reserve Champion class winner in this class.

12. Grand Champion. This class shall consist of dogs of both sexes that have earned their UKC Grand Champion title. The Judge shall select a single winner in this class.

13. Best of Breed. This class may consist of the winner of the Grand Champion class, the winner of the Champion class, and the winner of the Best of Winners class. If the Best of Winners class is not held due to lack of competition, the Best Male or Best Female that is present shall compete in the Best of Breed class. The Judge shall select a single winner in this class. At National Specialties only, the host club may request permission to have this class judged by a three-Judge panel, consisting of at least two Senior Judges licensed for that breed. Such requests must be made in writing at the time the club applies to host the event. The names of the Judges shall not be made public until immediately prior to the start of judging for this class.

a. Order of judging.

i. Breeds without varieties. Classes for breeds without varieties shall be judged in the following order:

(a) Puppy Male, Junior Male, Senior Male, Adult Male, Breeder/Handler Male

(b) Best Male

(c) Reserve Best Male

(d) Puppy Female, Junior Female, Senior Female, Adult Female, Breeder/Handler Female

(e) Best Female

(f) Reserve Best Female

(g) Best of Winners

(h) Champion

(i) Reserve Champion

(j) Grand Champion

(k) Best of Breed

ii. Breeds with varieties. Classes for breeds with varieties (Section XIV) shall be judged in the following order:

(a) Puppy Male of Variety, Junior Male of Variety, Senior Male of Variety, Adult Male of Variety, Breeder/Handler Male of Variety

(b) Best Male of Variety

(c) Reserve Best Male of Variety

(d) Remaining regular class males of each variety will be judged as above.

(e) Best Male

(f) Reserve Best Male

(g) Puppy Female of Variety, Junior Female of Variety, Senior Female of Variety, Adult Female of Variety, Breeder/Handler Female of Variety

- (h)** Best Female of Variety
- (i)** Reserve Best Female of Variety
- (j)** Remaining regular class females of each variety will be judged as above.
- (k)** Best Female
- (l)** Reserve Best Female
- (m)** Best of Winners
- (n)** Champion
- (o)** Reserve Champion
- (p)** Grand Champion
- (q)** Best of Breed

***14. Junior Showmanship.** Junior Showmanship classes are mandatory and must be offered by all UKC Licensed clubs offering conformation events with the exception of specialty clubs holding events in conjunction with Premier. Clubs licensed to offer UKC conformation shows must use UKC Licensed Junior Showmanship Judges and follow UKC Junior Showmanship Rules. The purpose of these classes is to evaluate each Junior Handler's ability to present his/her dog, his/her general dog knowledge, and his/her specific knowledge of the dog and breed of dog he/she is presenting. Dogs that are six months of age or older are eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship classes and may be spayed or neutered.

***Eligible dogs.**

- 1.** Dogs must be six months of age or older on the day of the event.
- 2.** Dogs must be permanently registered, have a Limited Privilege number or a valid Temporary Listing number.
- 3.** Dogs may be purebred or an altered mixed breed.
- 4.** Dogs may be spayed or neutered.

***5. Females in Season must not enter Junior Showmanship.** If a female dog that is being shown comes into season, and the junior wishes to change dogs, they may do so with a dog that meets all other requirements. In such cases, an Entry Correction form must be completed by the Junior and given to the Event Secretary before exhibiting.

***a. Determining Junior's age class category.** The age of the junior as of January 1st of each year shall determine the division in which the junior competes for that entire year. If a junior reaches an age that advances them to the next age division, they will not move up to the higher class until the following calendar year. An exception to this rule is made for the Sub-Junior that turn 8

years of age inside the Junior year. On the Juniors 8th birthday the junior may move from the Sub-Junior class to the Novice Junior Class. Once this move had been made the junior may not move back down to the Sub-Junior Class. No Junior Member who has competed in the Open Junior class may subsequently compete in the Novice Senior Class.

b. Classes. Classes are divided by the age of the Junior Handler and not by the breed of dog.

i. Pee-Wee. This class is for children two years and under four years of age. Parents are allowed to assist children in the ring to ensure that dogs are under control at all times. No placements will be made in this class. Clubs must offer an award or ribbon to each participant.

ii. Sub-Junior. This class is for children four years and under eight years of age. Parents are allowed to assist children in the ring to ensure that dogs are under control at all times. No placements will be made in this class. Clubs must offer an award or ribbon to each participant.

iii. Junior Classes. This class is for youngsters 8 years and under 13 years of age.

(a) Novice Junior. This class is for any Junior Member who has never earned a Best Junior Handler award with competition or who has not earned three first place wins from the Novice Junior class. The Judge shall give up to four placements, where possible, in this class.

(b) Open Junior. This class is for any Junior Member who has earned a Best Junior Handler award with competition from the Novice Junior class or who has earned three first place wins from the Novice Junior class with competition. The Judge shall give up to four placements, where possible, in this class.

iv. Senior Classes. This class is for youngsters 13 years of age and under 19 years of age.

(a) Novice Senior. This class is for any Senior member who has never earned a Best Junior Handler award with competition or who has not earned three first place wins from the Novice Junior class with competition. The Judge shall give up to four place-

ments, where possible, in this class.

(b) Open Senior. This class is for any Junior Member who has earned a Best Junior Handler award with competition from the Novice Junior class or Novice Senior class who has earned three first place wins from the Novice Junior or Novice Senior class with competition. The Judge shall give up to four placements, where possible, in this class.

Best Junior Handler: Best Junior Handler class shall consist of the first place winner from the Novice Junior class, the Open Junior Class, the Novice Senior Class and the Open Senior Class. The Judge shall select a single winner in this class.

XIII. Awards, trophies and ribbons.

A. Cash prizes. UKC clubs may not offer cash prizes without written authorization from UKC.

B. Awards and trophies. Clubs may give such awards and trophies as they choose. Clubs may accept trophies donated by individuals or other organizations. These trophies may be designated for specific breeds or specific accomplishments.

C. Ribbons and rosettes. All ribbons and rosettes must include the UKC Seal of Merit. The following ribbon colors and combinations are mandatory. Ribbons awarded for all other wins may be any other colors or combination of colors.

Conformation:

1st place - blue

2nd place - red

3rd place - green

4th place - yellow

Best In Multi-Breed Show - purple, pink and white

Reserve Best In Multi-Breed Show - purple and pink

Best in Show - purple, gold and white

Reserve Best in Show - purple and gold

Best Junior Handler - purple and gold

Total Dog Qualifier - red, black and white.

XIV. UKC® recognized breeds eligible for conformation competition.

Each breed is assigned to a Group based on its past and present function, historical origins, and region of development. Breeds that are judged in the variety format will have each variety listed next to it in parenthesis. Varieties will be judged in the order listed.

Group 1. Guardian Dog

Aidi
Akbash Dog
Alentejo Mastiff
American Bulldog
Anatolian Shepherd
Appenzeller
Bernese Mountain Dog
Black Russian Terrier
Boxer
Bullmastiff
Cane Corso Italiano
Cao de Castro Laboreiro
Caucasian Ovcharka
Central Asian Shepherd Dog
Cimarron Uruguayo
Danish Broholmer
Doberman Pinscher
Dogo Argentino
Dogue de Bordeaux
Entlebucher
Estrela Mountain Dog
Giant Schnauzer
Great Dane
Great Pyrenees
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
Hovawart
Kangal Dog
Karst Shepherd Dog
Komondor
Kuvasz
Leonberger
Majorca Mastiff
Maremma Sheepdog
Mastiff
Neapolitan Mastiff
Newfoundland
Owczarek Podalanski
Perro de Presa Canario
Pyrenean Mastiff
Rottweiler
Saint Bernard
Sarplaninac
Slovak Cuvac
Spanish Mastiff
Standard Schnauzer
Tibetan Mastiff
Tosa Ken

Group 2. Scenthound

Alpine Dachsbracke
American Black & Tan Coonhound
American Foxhound

American Leopard Hound
 Anglo-Francais de Petit Venerie
 Ariegeois
 Austrian Black and Tan Hound
 Barak
 Basset Artesian Normand
 Basset Bleu de Gascogne
 Basset Fauve De Bretagne
 Basset Hound
 Bavarian Mountain Hound
 Beagle
 Beagle Harrier
 Billy
 Black Forest Hound
 Black Mouth Cur
 Bloodhound
 Bluetick Coonhound
 Briquet Griffon Vendéen
 Chien D'Artois
 Chien Francais Blanc et Noir
 Chien Francais Tricolore
 Dachshund (Miniature, Standard.
 All coat types show together.)
 Deutsche Bracke
 Drever
 Dunker
 English Coonhound
 English Foxhound
 Finnish Hound
 Francais Black et Orange
 Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen
 Grand Bleu de Gascogne
 Grand Gascon-Saintongeois
 Grand Griffon Vendéen
 Great Anglo-Francais Tricolor Hound
 Great Anglo-Francais White and Black Hound
 Great Anglo-Francais White and Orange Hound
 Griffon Bleu de Gascogne
 Griffon Fauve de Bretagne
 Griffon Nivernais
 Haldenstovare
 Hamiltonstovare
 Hanoverian Hound
 Harrier
 Hellenic Hound
 Hygen Hound
 Istrian Coarse-Haired Hound
 Istrian Short-Haired Hound
 Italian Hound
 Montenegrin Mountain Hound
 Mountain Cur
 Otterhound
 Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen



Petit Bleu de Gascogne
Petit Gascon-Saintongeais
Plott Hound
Poitevin
Polish Hound
Porcelaine
Posavaz Hound
Redbone Coonhound
Schiller Hound
Serbian Hound
Serbian Tricolor Hound
Smaland Hound
Small Swiss Hound
Spanish Hound
Stephens' Cur
Styrian Coarse-Haired Hound
Swiss Hound
Transylvanian Hound
Treeing Cur
Treeing Walker Coonhound
Tyrolean Hound
Westphalian Dachsbracke

Group 3. Sighthound and Pariah Dog

Afghan Hound
Azawakh
Basenji
Borzoi
Canaan Dog
Carolina Dog
Chart Polski
Cirneco dell'Etna
Greyhound
Hungarian Greyhound
Ibizan Hound
Irish Wolfhound
New Guinea Singing Dog
Peruvian Inca Orchid
Pharaoh Hound
Podengo Portugueso (Grande Smooth,
Grande Wire, Medio Smooth, Medio Wire, Pequeno
Smooth, Pequeno Wire)
Podenco Canario
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Saluki
Scottish Deerhound
Sloughi
Spanish Greyhound
Thai Ridgeback
Whippet
Xoloitzcuintli (Toy, Miniature, Standard)

Group 4. Gun Dog

American Water Spaniel
Barbet
Boykin Spaniel
Bracco Italiano
Braque D'Auvergne
Braque de l'Ariege
Braque du Bourbonnais
Braque Francais de Grande Taille
Braque Francais de Petite Taille
Braque Saint-Germain
Brittany
Cesky Fousek
Chesapeake Bay Retriever
Clumber Spaniel
Cocker Spaniel
Curly-Coated Retriever
Deutscher Wachtelhund
Drentse Patrijshond
English Cocker Spaniel
English Pointer
English Setter
English Springer Spaniel
Epagneul Blue de Picardie
Epagneul Breton (Orange and White, All Other Colors)
Epagneul Picard
Epagneul Pont-Audemer
Field Spaniel
Flat-Coated Retriever
French Spaniel
Frisian Water Dog
German Longhaired Pointer
German Rough-Haired Pointer
German Shorthaired Pointer
German Wirehaired Pointer
Golden Retriever
Gordon Setter
Hungarian Wire-Haired Vizsla
Irish Red & White Setter
Irish Setter
Irish Water Spaniel
Kooikerhondje
Labrador Retriever
Lagotto Romagnolo
Large Munsterlander
Multi-Colored Standard Poodle
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever
Old Danish Bird Dog
Perdiguero de Burgos
Portuguese Pointer
Portuguese Water Dog
Pudelpointer

Slovakian Wire-Haired Pointing Dog
Small Munsterlander
Spanish Water Dog
Spinone Italiano
Stabyhoun
Standard Poodle
Sussex Spaniel
Vizsla
Weimaraner
Welsh Springer Spaniel
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon
Wire-Haired Pointing Griffon Korthals

Group 5. Northern Breed

Akita
Alaskan Klee Kai (Toy, Miniature, Standard)
Alaskan Malamute
American Eskimo (Miniature, Standard)
Canadian Eskimo Dog
Chinese Shar-Pei
Chinook
Chow Chow
East Siberian Laika
Eurasian
Finnish Lapphund
Finnish Spitz
German Spitz
Greenland Dog
Hokkaido
Japanese Spitz
Jindo
Kai
Karelian Bear Dog
Keeshond
Kishu
Lundehund
Norbottenspets
Norwegian Buhund
Norwegian Elkhound
Russo-European Laika
Samoyed
Shiba
Shikoku
Siberian Husky
Swedish Elkhound
Swedish Lapphund
Volpino Italiano
West Siberian Laika

Group 6. Herding Dog

Australian Cattle Dog
Australian Kelpie
Australian Shepherd
Bearded Collie

Beauceron
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Groenendael, Laekenois, Malinois, Tervueren)
Bergamasco
Berger de Pyrenees (Rough-faced, Smooth-faced)
Berger Picard
Border Collie
Bouvier des Ardennes
Bouvier des Flandres
Briard
Ca de Bestier
Cardigan Welsh Corgi
Catalonian Sheepdog
Czechoslovakian Vlcak
Ciobanesc Romanesc Carpatin
Ciobanesc Romanesc Mirotic
Collie (Rough, Smooth)
Croatian Sheepdog
Dutch Shepherd
English Shepherd
German Shepherd Dog
Icelandic Sheepdog
Lapinporokoiraa
Louisiana Catahoula Leopard Dog
Mudi
Old English Sheepdog
Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Polski Owczarek Nizinny
Portuguese Sheepdog
Puli
Pumi
Saarloosewolfhond
Schapendoes
Shetland Sheepdog
South Russian Shepherd Dog
Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog
Swedish Vallhund
White Shepherd

Group 7. Terrier

Airedale Terrier
American Hairless Terrier (Coated, Hairless)
American Pit Bull Terrier
Australian Terrier
Austrian Pinscher
Bedlington Terrier
Border Terrier
Bull Terrier
Cairn Terrier
Cesky Terrier
Dandie Dinmont
Danish-Swedish Farmdog
Dutch Smoushond

German Pinscher
Glen Of Imaal Terrier
Irish Terrier
Jack Russell Terrier
Jagdterrier
Japanese Terrier
Kerry Blue Terrier
Kromfohrlander
Lakeland Terrier
Manchester Terrier (Toy, Standard)
Miniature Bull Terrier
Miniature Schnauzer
Norfolk Terrier
Norwich Terrier
Parson Russell Terrier (10 - 12½ inches; Over 12½ - 15 inches)
Patterdale Terrier
Rat Terrier (Miniature, Standard)
Scottish Terrier
Sealyham Terrier
Silky Terrier
Skye Terrier
Smooth Fox Terrier
Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier
Sporting Lucas Terrier
Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Teddy Roosevelt Terrier
Toy Fox Terrier
Treeing Feist
Welsh Terrier
West Highland White Terrier
Wire Fox Terrier

Group 8. Companion Dog

Affenpinscher
Bichon Frise
Bolognese
Boston Terrier
Brussels Griffon
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Chihuahua
Chinese Crested
Coton de Tulear
Dalmatian
English Bulldog
English Toy Spaniel
French Bulldog
Havanese
Italian Greyhound
Japanese Chin
Lhasa Apso
Lowchen
Maltese

Miniature Pinscher
Multi-Colored Poodle (Toy, Miniature)
Papillon
Pekingese
Pomeranian
Poodle (Toy, Miniature)
Pug
Russkiy Toy
Schipperke
Shih Tzu
Tibetan Spaniel
Tibetan Terrier
Yorkshire Terrier

XV. Rules applying to exhibitors and spectators.

UKC exhibitors and spectators are expected to display good behavior and good sportsmanship in and out of the ring. Judges, Event Committee members and host club officers may excuse exhibitors or spectators from the ring or the show grounds for violations of these rules or conduct that interferes with the event and event participants.

A. Complaints about the Judge's placements. By entering in a UKC event, the exhibitor is inviting the opinion of the Judge and must accept the Judge's decision as final. Exhibitors are encouraged to discuss placements with Judges but may not argue about the Judge's final placements. Complaints about the Judge may only be lodged with the host club if the exhibitor believes the Judge has violated a specific UKC rule. Complaints about a Judge's knowledge of the breed may be filed with UKC but must address specific deficiencies. Electronic audio or video recordings will not be considered by UKC when reviewing a Judge's competency to judge a breed.

B. Interfering with the Judge. No person may interfere with the Judge in any way while he/she is judging a class.

C. Double handling. Persons outside the ring are prohibited from any intentional actions designed to affect the performance of a dog being judged in the ring. This prohibition shall apply equally to persons attempting to improve or to impair a performance. The Event Committee may expel from the show grounds any person they reasonably believe is double handling. Judges may excuse exhibitors whose dogs they reasonably believe are benefiting from "double handling."

D. Control of the dog. Exhibitors are expected to keep their dogs under control at all times. The Event Committee may expel from the show grounds any person whose failure to control a dog interferes with

judging or with the ability of other exhibitors to present their dogs.

E. Baiting in the ring. The United Kennel Club believes that dogs should be exhibited in a natural state. We believe that a dog's temperament, tractability and conformation are best evaluated when a dog is exhibited without any aids used to change the dog's natural behavior. Accordingly, baiting with squeakers or food is strongly discouraged. However, if a Judge determines a breed (or breeds) would be better evaluated with bait, the Judge may allow baiting for all exhibits in that breed (or breeds) at their discretion (in Conformation events ONLY). If such a determination is made by the Judge, food bait and squeakers must both be allowed; Judges may not allow one type of bait and not another. Bait of ANY kind must NEVER be tossed or thrown and must NEVER litter the ring surface. Any exhibitor found to be throwing bait or littering the ring surface with bait shall be subject to disciplinary action. The Judge will make the determination if an exhibitor is throwing bait or littering the ring surface with bait and, if it is the decision of the Judge that the exhibitor did throw bait or litter the ring surface with bait, the Judge must excuse the exhibitor and dog from the ring. The Judge shall mark the Judge's book "Excused. Threw bait in the ring" or "Excused. Littered ring with bait." The Judge's decision on this matter is final.

F. Grooming. UKC encourages exhibitors to emphasize the conditioning and training of their dogs and to avoid extreme grooming practices. A dog should be sufficiently clean and well groomed to enable a Judge to properly evaluate the dog. Breeds with traditional trimming patterns may be presented in those patterns. Except as allowed by a dog's UKC breed standard,

1. Grooming in the ring. Exhibitors are prohibited from grooming in the ring and from possession of grooming tools in the ring. Judges must excuse any exhibitor that violates this rule. The Judge's book must be marked accordingly. The Judge's decision on this matter is final. Exhibitors who violate this rule may also be subject to disciplinary action by the host club and UKC.

***2. Prohibited grooming practices.** Prohibited grooming practices are defined in Section XXIV, paragraph F, subparagraph 3. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule may be subject to disciplinary action by the host club and UKC.

G. Collars. Harnesses, pinch collars and hanging collar tags are prohibited in show rings.

H. Ring and event grounds clean-up. Exhibitors are required to clean up behind their dog

if it fouls the ring or the event grounds. The ring steward may bring cleaning supplies to the exhibitor and may hold the dog while the owner cleans the ring. Any exhibitor who fails to clean up after his dog may be directed by the Event Committee to leave the event grounds.

I. Prohibition against professional handlers in conformation shows. United Kennel Club events are intended to be family-oriented recreation for owners of UKC Registered dogs. Accordingly, UKC encourages the promotion of the owner/breeder handler and prohibits the use of professional handlers in conformation.

1. Construction of this rule. The prohibition against professional handlers is one of the cornerstones of UKC philosophy. Therefore, this rule is to be construed as broadly as necessary to achieve that goal. Each UKC Official Entry Form includes the following statement that must be signed by the owner/handler of each dog entered at a UKC event: "I swear that this dog is not being handled by a professional handler in conformation." Dog owners and professional handlers who look for technical ways to circumvent this rule run a grave risk of losing their UKC privileges if caught.

2. Persons allowed to handle dogs in UKC conformation events. The following categories of handlers are allowed:

***a. Owner or co-owner.** The owner or co-owner of a UKC Registered dog may enter and exhibit his/her own dog in UKC events. In addition, the following immediate family members of an owner or co-owner may enter and exhibit the dog: spouse, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, brother or sister, provided that they are not a professional handler as defined in paragraph 3 below.

b. Breeder. The breeder of a UKC Registered dog may enter and exhibit that dog in UKC events, even if the breeder is not an owner or co-owner of that dog, provided that the breeder-handler is not a professional handler as defined in paragraph 3 below. The following immediate family members of a breeder may also enter and exhibit that dog: spouse, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, brother or sister.

c. Designated handler. Any individual who has been given permission to do so by a registered owner or co-owner of a UKC Registered dog may enter and exhibit that dog in UKC events, provided that the designated handler is not a professional handler as defined in para-

graph 3 below.

3. Professional Handler. A professional handler is a person who exhibits dogs for compensation. This category includes any person who accepts any pay, gift, or remuneration of any sort in return for exhibiting a dog.

a. Remuneration. Remuneration includes, but is not limited to:

- i.** Payment for exhibiting a dog in a UKC licensed event;
- ii.** Reimbursement for lodging, mileage, travel, meals, other travel expenses, or any other expenses incurred at or traveling to or from a UKC licensed event.
- iii.** Payment of entry fees by another exhibitor for dogs owned by the professional handler in return for handling services.

b. Factors that may be considered in determining whether a handler is a professional. An individual may be a professional handler regardless of whether or not handling dogs is his/her primary source of income. Among the factors that may be considered in determining whether a handler is a professional handler are:

- i.** Business cards indicating that the person in question is a professional handler;
- ii.** Advertising professional handling services on a vehicle, in a publication, or in any other dog-related venue;
- iii.** Offering professional handling services through a training facility;
- iv.** Acting as a professional handler at events offered by other organizations;
- v.** Exhibiting multiple dogs, particularly those that the handler neither owns nor co-owns;
- vi.** Exhibiting multiple breeds of dogs, particularly those that the handler neither owns nor co-owns.

***J. Exhibitors in the ring** have the right to require that a dog competing in the ring be measured or weighed for those breeds with a height or weight disqualification, except that Toy Fox Terriers are only required to be weighed in accordance with paragraph 2 below. The Judge will comply with an exhibitor's request if it is made before the class judging is complete. The Judge's determination of the dog's height or weight is final. The judge must note in the Judge's book the height or weight of any dog disqualified as a result of measuring. Height is determined by drawing a straight line from the top of the withers perpendicular to the ground. Judges cannot disqualify dogs shown in the Puppy Class for being under height or weight minimums.

XVI. Exhibitor Guidelines.

A dog show is an evaluation of breeding stock, and many breeders have made a lifelong commitment to their breed. Judges have spent years studying dogs before stepping into the ring to judge. They are serious about the sport, and exhibitors should be as well. Exhibitors' behavior and deportment speak to the degree of commitment they have to their dogs and to the sport. The following are suggested guidelines for UKC Exhibitors:

- **Exhibitors should accept the decision of the Judge gracefully.** There should be no snatching of ribbons, loud comments or derision of the Judge or their decisions, either in the ring or out.
- **Exhibitors' clothing should be neat and clean.** Their apparel speaks to the respect they have for the sport, the show and its proceedings.
- Exhibitors' dogs should be clean and trimmed in a manner consistent with the UKC rules and breed standards.
- Exhibitors should take care when discussing the judging with the Judge to not appear confrontational. The judging was the Judge's opinion that day, and poor behavior on the part of the exhibitor will not change the outcome.
- Exhibitors should make an effort to help new exhibitors. We were all new to dog shows at one time and we appreciated when someone helped us.
- Exhibitors should always leave a show site in the condition they found it. Help the show committee and clean up your area.
- Exhibitors should take care not to promote rumors and negative comments about dogs, other exhibitors or judges.
- Exhibitors should remember they are at the show at the invitation of the show-giving club. In order to ensure being invited back, exhibitors should do whatever they can to assist the host club and promote the family flavor of UKC events.

XVII. UKC® Special Exhibition and Judging Procedures for Belgian Shepherd Dogs Only. (Instituted January 1, 1996)

UKC provides Belgian Shepherd Dogs the opportunity to be shown one of three ways at UKC Licensed Conformation Shows. This is in keeping with the traditional exhibition procedure in the breed's country of origin. The United Belgian Shepherd Dog Association may specify to clubs hosting their breed, which method they prefer to be used for their breed.

While use of the preferred method is not mandatory, UKC hopes that UBSDA's wishes will be considered. However, the manner in which they are shown is determined by the host club.

A. Types of exhibition.

1. Customary Exhibition procedure.
2. Assisted Animation/Critique Procedure (AA/CP), Long Form.
3. Assisted Animation/Critique Procedure (AA/CP) Short Form.

B. Customary Exhibition Procedure.

Standard conformation procedure, i.e., handler poses dog for examination and gaits the dog in a prescribed pattern as directed by the judge. Eligible handler exhibits the entry without assistance from a third party.

C. Assisted Animation and Critique Procedure.

1. Judges will utilize "assisted animation" (for no more than three minutes per dog) to assess expression, carriage, etc., at some time during the judging of each dog in each class.

2. "Assisted Animation" is defined as follows:

Assisted Animation involves two people. One is a designated handler, who holds the dog's lead and makes no attempt to stack or animate the dog. The other being the person who stands away from the dog, but does not leave the ring, and attempts to animate the dog by calling to it or making noises. During the Judge's individual appraisal of each dog, the dog will be held by the designated handler.

3. The designated handler may be:

a. The primary handler of the dog (i.e. - the person noted on the official UKC entry form as the handler of the dog); or

b. An alternate - a person other than the primary handler. This could be the steward or any other capable person designated by the primary handler.

4. While the dog is being held by the designated handler, the other person performs the assisted animation, and the Judge appraises it. This allows the Judge to see the expression, carriage, and natural stance of the dog more clearly. The designated handler is to use discretion and common sense during the procedure.

5. All regular UKC Official Dog Show Rules apply to this portion of the judging. Baiting with squeakers, toys or food is entirely at the Judge's discretion.

6. The actual hands-on examination and gaiting of the dog are to be done only while the

primary handler is in control of the dog, not during the assisted animation portion of the judging. Exhibitors and spectators outside the ring are not, under any circumstances, to engage in animation activities. This is considered “double-handling” and is forbidden under the UKC Rules and Regulations.

7. A suggested procedural guideline follows:

a. The dogs for each class are brought into the ring. This may be in catalog order, or an alternate order, at the Judge’s discretion.

b. The Judge will examine each dog in line for bite, dentition, temperament, etc.

c. One at a time, each dog is brought out of line for its assisted animation evaluation. At no time during the assisted animation portion of the judging should the Judge attempt to physically examine (touch, hands-on) or evaluate the dog’s gait.

d. When the Judge is ready to proceed to the movement evaluation portion, the primary handler will return to the dog, if a designated handler has been used. If not, the person who was performing the assisted animation will leave the ring. The primary handler will then move the dog as directed by the Judge.

e. When the individual evaluations are complete, the Judge may choose to see some or all of the class animated in order to finalize their decisions regarding placements. At this time, the Judge may choose to animate the dog themselves or ask a steward to do so. They may ask for individual dogs to be animated again using the assisted animation format, but this is not encouraged because of the amount of time involved.

D. Rating System/Critiques.

1. Judges will use a rating system and provide individual written critiques on each dog. The rating system includes: Excellent (EX), Very Good (VG), Acceptable (AC), and Non-Rated (NR). United Kennel Club will provide uniform critique forms for a nominal fee.

2. Ratings are separate from the usual UKC placements and point allotments. The ratings may be published by the Host Clubs in their individual newsletters.

3. Ratings are purely the Judge’s opinion of the dog on that day. The rating is given to each animal as it is assessed against the ideal described in the breed standards, not against the other dogs in its class.

4. Any or all of the ratings may be given in any one class. For example, one class may consist

entirely of dogs rated Very Good or Acceptable. Another class may have two Excellents, one Very Good, and one Acceptable. Another class may have every dog rated Excellent.

5. While awarding placements, the Judge may provide verbal explanations for the order of placement to the exhibitor and/or public, but is not required to do so. At Multi-Breed shows, this practice should only occur if time permits.

E. Definition of Ratings.

Each rating may be modified by a plus (+) or minus (-) to further indicate the relative quality of the dogs.

1. Excellent (EX). While recognizing that no dog is without faults or weaknesses, dogs receiving this rating should be of utmost quality overall and possess many fine attributes according to the UKC breed standard.

2. Very Good (VG). Dogs receiving this rating may be:

- a.** Otherwise Excellent dogs in poor condition;
- b.** Dogs with some fine attributes, but lacking in quality in some area(s);
- c.** Dogs of good type, construction, and character, but not outstanding; or,
- d.** Dogs with a major fault which mars an otherwise Excellent specimen.

Dogs rated Very Good may receive a first place award in their class, but it should be noted that this will award the dog class points for this win. In general only dogs that are rated excellent should receive Championship points at that show. If the Judge withholds the points, the ribbons, and any award/trophy, are not to be given.

3. Acceptable (AC). Dogs receiving this rating may be:

- a.** Dogs that are adequate, marred by faults, and/or lacking in quality;
- b.** Dogs that are of incorrect/inadequate type.

Dogs rated Acceptable should not receive a first place ribbon and should not earn points at that show. The ribbon and points should be withheld if it is the only rating given in the class. The Judge may give a single entry in a class second place in a class of one, or withhold all ribbons.

4. Not Rated (NR). Dogs receiving this rating may be:

- a.** So lacking in breed type that they appear to be of mixed-breed heritage, and should receive no rating and class placement;
- b.** Dogs that are excused or disqualified.

5. A dog rated lower than others in its class cannot place above them. For example, a dog rated Very Good may not receive a third place when a dog rated Excellent is placed fourth in the same class.

6. While awarding placements, the Judge may provide verbal explanations for the order of the placements to the exhibitors and/or public, but is not required or expected to do so.

F. Written Critiques.

1. The Judge is encouraged to comment on all portions of the form, but due to time constraints and large entries, they may elect to summarize portions. (Examples: "An exceptional dog in body, angulation and character, whose round eyes detract from an otherwise excellent head piece." -or- "A dog of lovely color and character that is otherwise terribly lacking in breed type, particularly in that is long in body, short on leg, and heavy in head.")

2. Judges must not be too general to the extent that they provide little information to the exhibitor for educational purposes, nor information about their own judging. (Example: "Dog has good type and character, with a nice head.")

3. Whenever possible, the Judge should attempt to explain the best and worst features of each dog. For example, under "Head" on the form, one might write "excellent." but it would be advisable to include additional details such as "correct planes, well-chiseled, nice length of muzzle." Or, instead of just listing "ears" as "OK," it would be better stated as "well set, too long."

4. The Judge must indicate the rating given to each dog on the area indicated on the Critique Form.

XVIII. Conformation Titles - refer to chart on pages 72 & 73. For additional information, see pages 74 & 75.

A. Requirements for Champion title.

Championship points are awarded in accordance with the Point Schedule found elsewhere in this rulebook. To earn a UKC Champion title, a dog must

1. Earn a minimum of 100 championship points,

2. Earn points under at least three different UKC licensed Judges, and

3. Win three Best Male/Female (or higher) classes with competition at three different shows under three different UKC licensed Judges.

B. Competition for the Champion title.

Competition is defined as more than one male/female entered and shown in any one of the regular classes (Puppy, Junior, Senior, Adult, or Breeder/Handler classes). If a judge withholds a first-place ribbon and awards a dog a second, third or fourth place ribbon in a class of one, this dog will count as having competed and shall count as competition. If a judge withholds all awards from the dog, then it shall not count as competition. Dogs that are excused or disqualified do not count as competition. A dog that is judged in a class, but whose entry is subsequently determined to be invalid, shall count as competition.

1. Earning a competition win by going Best of Winners. If only one male/female dog is entered in the regular classes, that dog may earn championship points, but such wins do not count as wins with competition. However, if a Best Male and a Female is selected the dog that is awarded Best of Winners, will earn a win with competition.

2. Earning a competition win by going Best of Breed. A Best Male/Best Female who has no competition of the same or opposite sex in the regular classes may still earn a win with competition by defeating a Champion or Grand Champion of either sex for Best of Breed.

3. Earning a competition win by placing in the Group. At shows where Group competition is offered, a Best Male/Best Female with no competition in its breed may still earn a win with competition by winning a Group placement. A Group 4 win only counts as a win with competition if there are five or more breeds in the Group class.

4. Earning a competition win by winning Best in Multi-Breed Show, Reserve Best in Multi-Breed Show, Best in Show or Reserve Best in Show. At shows where Best in Multi-Breed Show or Best in Show competition is offered, a Best Male/Best Female with no competition in its breed may still earn a win with competition by winning Best In Multi-Breed Show, Reserve Best In Multi-Breed Show, Best In Show or Reserve Best In Show.

C. Requirements for Grand Champion title. To earn a UKC Grand Champion title, a dog must:

- 1.** Win the Champion class at least five times with competition, and
- 2.** Win the Champion class under at least three different UKC licensed Judges.

D. Competition for the Grand Champion title. Competition is defined as at least three

dogs correctly entered and shown in the Champion class. When awards are withheld from other dogs entered in the Champion class (i.e., Reserve Champion) and a dog is declared the winner of the Champion class, the other dogs shall not count as competition. A Champion winning Best of Breed may count the number of Champions defeated as well as any Grand Champions defeated by winning Best of Breed to fulfill the requirements of a competition win towards the Grand Champion title.

***E. Requirements for a Conformation Champion and Conformation Grand Champion title.** The following breeds who participate in Conformation Events administered by the UKC Dog Events Department and held under these Conformation Rules may earn their Conformation Champion (CCH) or Conformation Grand Champion (CGRCH) titles following the same requirements as outlined in Section XVIII. The breeds eligible to obtain a CCH and a CGRCH are:

- American Black & Tan Coonhound
- American Leopard Hound
- Beagle
- Black Mouth Cur
- Bluetick Coonhound
- English Coonhound
- Mountain Cur
- Plott Hound
- Redbone Coonhound
- Stephens' Cur
- Treeing Cur
- Treeing Feist
- Treeing Walker Coonhound

F. National Grand Champion. Effective August 31, 1989, the National American Eskimo Association, the National American Pit Bull Terrier Association and the National Toy Fox Terrier Association may designate the Grand Champion class at their national specialty as the "National Grand Champion" class. Provided that at least five dogs of either sex are exhibited in the class, the winner of this class shall earn the title "National Grand Champion." UKC will issue a special certificate recognizing the win and the designation "NGRCH" will appear before the dog's name in all UKC records. The host club may request permission to have this class judged by a three Judge panel, consisting of at least two Senior Judges licensed for that breed. Such requests must be made in writing at the time the club applies to host the event. The names of the

Judges shall not be made public until immediately prior to the start of judging for this class.

G. National Best Of Breed (NBOB). This honorary title (retroactive to January 1, 2004) was created in honor of all those dogs that win Best of Breed at recognized designated UKC National Specialties. The NBOB title will be added to the dog's permanent record. The NBOB title is in addition to, and does not replace, the National Grand Champion title that is given to the winner of the Grand Champion class at the American Eskimo, American Pit Bull Terrier and Toy Fox Terrier national specialties.

XIX. Non-licensed Conformation Classes.

A. Rules applying to non-licensed conformation classes.

1. Non-licensed classes may be offered at all UKC conformation shows, except that Group, Best in Multi-Breed Show and Best In Show classes may only be offered in accordance with the rules in this Section, paragraph B, subparagraph 5 below. A host club must request non-licensed classes when submitting its "Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend". Notice of the non-licensed classes will be published in *BLOODLINES* magazine with the notice of the club's licensed event. Non-licensed classes may only be offered for breeds for which licensed classes are offered.

2. At the discretion of the Event Committee, breed specific non-licensed classes may be scheduled immediately following Best of Breed judging for that breed. Group competition may commence immediately after all breeds for that group have been judged.

3. Group, Best in Multi-breed Show and Best in Show must be judged by licensed Judges. All other non-licensed classes may be judged by non-licensed Judges or licensed Judges.

4. No Championship points or Top Ten points shall be awarded as a result of winning a non-licensed class.

B. Non-licensed conformation classes.

1. Novice Puppy Classes. All Puppy classes shall be divided individually by breed and by sex. An individual judge's book shall be prepared for each breed, consisting of the following classes:

a. Novice Male and Novice Female classes. For intact dogs 3 months of age and under 6 months of age that are permanently registered with UKC as of the day of the show, or that have a valid Temporary Listing (TL) num-

ber as of the day of the show, or that are not yet permanently registered but that are from litters registered with UKC as of the day of the show. The Judge shall give up to four placements, where possible, in these classes.

b. Best of Breed Novice Puppy. This class shall consist of the winners of the Novice Male class and the Novice Female class. The judge shall select a single winner in this class.

2. Stud Dog and Brood Bitch Classes.

Classes shall be divided by breed and judged separately by sex. These classes shall be judged on the quality of the progeny and not the individual stud dogs and brood bitches. Stud dogs and brood bitches must be permanently registered with UKC as of the day of the show to be eligible for this class. Progeny may compete if they are permanently registered with UKC, are out of UKC Registered litters, or have a valid Temporary Listing number on the day of the show. Spayed bitches and neutered dogs are eligible to compete in these classes but not as progeny. The Judge shall give up to four placements, where possible, in these classes. Only the exhibitors of the stud dogs and brood bitches are required to wear armbands in these classes.

a. Stud Dog. Each entry in this class shall consist of a stud dog and at least two but not more than four dogs sired by that dog. The progeny must be at least three months of age and may include both sexes. At least two of the progeny must be entered in the licensed classes. Stud dogs entered in this class may not be counted as progeny for their sires in the same class. Entries shall be made in the name of the stud dog.

b. Brood Bitch. Each entry in this class shall consist of a brood bitch and at least two but not more than four dogs produced by that bitch. The progeny must be at least three months of age and may include both sexes. At least two of the progeny must be entered in the licensed classes. Brood bitches entered in this class may not be counted as progeny for their dams in the same class. Entries shall be made in the name of the brood bitch.

3. Miscellaneous Classes. These classes shall be divided by breed.

a. Brace Class. Each entry in this class consists of two dogs of the same breed handled by a single handler. This class shall be judged on the basis of the overall quality of the entry and the similarity of the two dogs in type, size, and markings. The purpose of this class

is to reward high quality within consistent type. The Judge shall give up to four placements, where possible, in this class. Dogs must be six months of age or older, intact and permanently registered with UKC or have a valid Temporary Listing number on the day of the show in order to be eligible for this class.

b. Veteran Class. This class consists of dogs seven years of age, or older and shall be divided by sex. The purpose of this class is to reward dogs that maintain good breed type and good condition as they age, and to give other breeders an opportunity to see the top dogs of the past. The Judge shall give up to four placements, where possible, in this class. The Best Veteran Male shall compete with the Best Veteran Female for Best Veteran of Breed. Dogs must be permanently registered with UKC or have a valid Temporary Listing number on the day of the show in order to be eligible for this class. Spayed and neutered dogs are eligible for this class.

c. Altered Dogs. This class consists of purebred dogs six months of age or older that have been spayed or neutered. This class shall be divided by sex. The Judge shall select a single winner in each class. The Best Altered Male shall compete with the Best Altered Female for Best Altered Dog of Breed. The purpose of this class is to enable owners of spayed and neutered dogs to get an evaluation of their dog's conformation and to enable breeders to see a wider range of dogs resulting from the breeding programs. Dogs must be permanently registered with UKC or have a valid Temporary Listing number on the day of the show in order to be eligible for this class.

4. Group, Best in Multi-Breed Show and Best in Show classes. The club is responsible for preparing an individual group Judge's book for each group offered and a separate Judge's book for Best in Show or Best in Multi-Breed show.

a. Group Classes. Each UKC-recognized breed belongs to one of eight Groups. Each Group class shall consist of the Best of Breed winners from those breeds belonging to that specific Group as listed in Section XVI. Groups shall be judged by a single Judge who shall give up to four placements, where possible, in this class.

i. Group classes at All-Breed shows.

Group classes must be offered by clubs hosting all-breed shows.

ii. Group classes at Multi-Breed shows. A club may only hold a Group class when it offers classes for five or more breeds in that Group.

b. Best In Multi-Breed Show. A club must host a minimum of ten breeds in order to offer this class.

i. If no Group classes are offered, this class consists of the Best of Breed winners from all breeds offered at the show. When one or more Group class is offered, the Best in Multi-breed Show class shall consist of the first-place winners of each Group and those remaining Best of Breed winners who were not defeated in any Group class.

ii. This class must be judged by a single licensed UKC Judge.

iii. The name of the Judge shall not be made public until immediately prior to the start of judging for this class.

iv. The Judge shall select a Best in Multi-breed Show winner and a Reserve Best in Multi-breed Show winner.

c. Best In Show. A club must host all breeds eligible for UKC conformation privileges in order to offer this class.

i. This class consists of the first-place winners of each Group class.

ii. The Best in Show class may be judged by a single licensed UKC Judge or by a panel of three licensed UKC Judges at the discretion of the Event Committee.

iii. The name(s) of the Judge(s) shall not be made public until immediately prior to the start of judging for this class.

iv. The Judge(s) shall select a Best in Show winner and a Reserve Best in Show winner.

5. Special Exhibitions. Clubs may offer an exhibition only class. Each club may establish the requirements for entry in this class and is encouraged to include conformation and performance dogs. A club may call the class by whatever name it chooses but the name should reflect the requirements for entry. Each dog will be given the opportunity to enter the ring and have a commentator read the dog's accomplishments. Clubs may offer rosettes, ribbons, or trophies to each participant.

6. Total Dog Award. A club (or with special written approval by UKC, a combination of clubs holding events in conjunction with each other) offering conformation and at least one eligible performance event may apply to offer the Total Dog Award when submitting its "Event

Application for a Scheduled Weekend". Clubs hosting more than one conformation and/or performance event on the day Total Dog awards are offered may have all events considered eligible when determining Total Dog qualifiers.

a. Eligible dogs. Dogs that are permanently registered with UKC as of the day of the show and dogs that have a valid Temporary Listing (TL) number as of the day of the show are eligible to compete for the Total Dog Award.

b. Requirements for Total Dog Award. To be eligible for this award, a dog must meet the requirements listed below.

i. Compete in conformation with competition and win one of the following classes:

(a) Best Male/Female of Variety

(b) Best Male/Female

(c) Best of Winners

(d) Champion

(e) Grand Champion

(f) Best of Breed

(g) Group 1 through 4 (Note: Group 4 win only counts if there are five or more breeds in the Group class.)

(h) Best in Multi-Breed Show

(i) Reserve Best In Multi-Breed Show

(j) Best in Show

(k) Reserve Best in Show

ii. Earn a qualifying score in a licensed class at a UKC Performance Event (Agility, Obedience, Weight Pull, Dog Sport, Terrier Race or UKC licensed Hunt events).

c. For the purpose of this award, competition through Best of Breed is defined as defeating another dog of the same breed. If there is no competition of the same breed, a Best of Breed winner who defeats another dog of a different breed by placing in the Group, by winning Best or Reserve Best in Multi-breed Show, or by winning Best or Reserve Best in Show shall be considered to have a win with competition.

XX. Top Ten Competition.

***A. Top Ten points.** Top Ten points are automatically awarded at all UKC licensed conformation events to each Best of Breed winner (with the exception of Coonhounds), who receives one point for each dog defeated in breed competition, provided that there are at least two dogs of any sex correctly entered and shown in that breed. Dogs that are disqualified or excused from competition do not count, and shall be deducted from the total number of dogs shown in the breed when calculating the number of Top Ten points

earned. Top Ten points are calculated by UKC based on the official event report submitted by the Event Secretary.

B. Top Ten competition year. Top Ten points are calculated from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

C. Publication of Top Ten standings. Regularly updated Top Ten standings will be on www.ukcdogs.com.

D. Corrections to Top Ten standings. Corrections in Top Ten points or standings for any competition year must be promptly reported to UKC. Corrections to the Top Ten Standings received after January 31 of the following year shall not be considered.

E. Top Ten Invitational. The ten top-ranked dogs in each breed may be invited to participate in a Top Ten Invitational competition held in the year following the competition year.

F. Coonhound Top Ten. Rankings points may only be earned at UKC Licensed Hunting/Bench Show events. They cannot be earned at any All-Breed or Multi-Breed shows.

XXI. Judges Code of Ethics and Rules for Judges.

A. UKC Judges are approved on the basis of their knowledge of dogs, their understanding of the UKC rules, their dedication to the sport of purebred dogs, and their integrity. Judges are the role models for our sport and, as such, are expected to adhere to the highest standards of conduct, both in and out of the ring. Judges should adhere to the following guidelines when judging:

1. Judges' decisions play a key role in determining future breeding stock. Conformation decisions must be based strictly on the UKC standard and performance placements on the UKC rules.

2. Judges should dress appropriately for the event and the weather. A Judge's appearance should always be neat and professional.

3. Judges should not only avoid impropriety but also the appearance of impropriety. In a sport where Judges are bound to have numerous friends among the exhibitors, it is important when judging to keep socializing at events to a minimum, both in and out of the ring. Judges should be cordial to all exhibitors while maintaining a professional distance.

4. When not judging, Judges are encouraged to participate in UKC events as spectators, exhibitors, workers, and club members. In such situations, however, Judges must be mindful

that people give extra attention to their words. Judges should refrain from gossip and be cautious about discussing dogs they have judged.

5. Judges should not exhibit on the same weekend at companion shows as a show that they are judging.

6. If a Judge is judging at an event held by a club of which the Judge is a member, the club officers and members of the show committee should not exhibit dogs under that Judge, nor should a third party exhibit dogs owned or co-owned by officers of the club or members of the show committee under that Judge.

B. Conformation Judge Rules. Judges are the subject of scrutiny, both for the job they do in the ring judging dogs and how they conduct themselves in other roles, whether as spectators, club members or exhibitors. Becoming a judge brings with it an extra set of responsibilities, an obligation to conduct oneself in a manner that is above reproach. Integrity is part of the persona of the judge and there should never be an instance where a judge's integrity is in question. The judge should avoid improper actions and situations as well as those situations and actions that could give the appearance of impropriety. These sorts of actions and situations, whether real or perceived, will quickly erode the judge's image.

For these reasons, the United Kennel Club has adopted the following rules in regard to its Conformation Judges and Exhibiting:

1. Judges must not steward for a Judge during their judging of the same breeds they will be judging the same weekend.

2. No judge may enter a dog owned by another person on a weekend they are judging.

3. No Judge may pass judgment on a dog of which they are listed as a breeder or co-breeder in any conformation class.

4. No Judge may exhibit dogs in conformation classes on the same day they are judging any event, or in the conformation classes at any associated event prior to the day they are judging.

Example 1: John Doe is judging the Weight Pull competition on Saturday. He may not show his Russell Terrier at in the conformation event on Friday or Saturday.

Example 2: John Doe is judging the Obedience Trial 1 on Sunday of a 5-show weekend. He may not show his dog at any of the conformation shows on Friday or Saturday held in conjunction with the Sunday event.

Example 3: John Doe is judging conformation classes at the Friday show. He may not show

his dog in any of the events (includes conformation, all performance events and Terrier Racing) held in conjunction with the Friday show, but may show in any events held on Saturday and/or Sunday.

XXII. Dogs that may not be entered under a Judge.

Exhibitors may not enter the following dogs under a licensed Judge. These dogs may, however, show in other types of events, including Junior Showmanship, on the same day. For example, a dog owned by a person judging a conformation event, may participate in a performance event and/or Junior Showmanship hosted by same club on the same day, provided the dog is not handled by or shown to the Judge.

A. A dog that is owned or co-owned by that Judge (except as noted);

B. A dog that is owned or co-owned by a member of that Judge's immediate family;

C. A dog that is owned or co-owned by a person living in the same household as that Judge.

D. A dog that has been owned or trained by said Judge or that has lived in said Judge's household, regardless of ownership, within three months of the date of the event;

E. A dog that has been owned or trained by a member of said Judge's immediate family or that has lived in the household of a member of the Judge's immediate family within three months of the date of the event.

***F.** No member of said Judge's immediate family or member of said Judge's household may exhibit a dog under that Judge.

***G.** No member of said Judge's immediate family or member of said Judge's household may enter or exhibit a dog, regardless of ownership, in a show where that member is officiating.

***H.** An exhibitor who co-owns a dog with an officiating Judge or with a member of an officiating Judge's immediate family may enter and exhibit other dogs as long as they do not meet any other restrictions outlined in this section.

XXIII. Exhibitors who may not enter under a Judge.

1. No member of a Judge's immediate family or household may enter or exhibit a dog, regardless of ownership, under that member who is officiating or in the same type of activity where that member is officiating.

2. Exhibitors may, however, show in other types of events on the same day. For example, if the

exhibitor is ineligible to show in a conformation event due to the Judge, they may participate in a performance event hosted by same club on the same day.

XXIV. Judging Procedures.

A. Judge's authority in the ring. The Judge may use whatever reasonable procedures he/she deems necessary to evaluate the dogs in an effective and efficient manner. All dogs within a breed will be examined in the same manner and all exhibitors will be given an equal opportunity to present their dogs. Judges have the sole discretion to authorize the use of squeaky toys and bait in their rings (See Section XVIII, Paragraph E)

B. Mandatory evaluations. All conformation judges will gait each dog and require each exhibitor to show his/her dog's bite as part of the judging process.

C. Discussion of placements with exhibitors. UKC Judges are encouraged to discuss placements with exhibitors and to give a short oral critique after Best of Breed judging.

D. Judge's book. Judges are responsible for the accuracy of the information in their Judges' books. Each Judge must sign his/her Judge's book upon the completion of a judging assignment and return it to the Event Secretary. The Event Secretary must provide the Judge with a copy of his/her signed Judge's book, which the Judge is required to keep on file for a period of one year after the judging assignment.

E. Prohibitions.

1. Judges may not ask an exhibitor any questions regarding the dog being evaluated other than age.

2. Judges may not judge the licensed classes of the same breed more than once in a four-day period. This prohibition may be waived upon written request to UKC for Senior Judges assigned to judge a National Grand Champion or National Best of Breed class.

3. Judges may not judge a conformation show and a performance event on the same day.

F. Disqualifying faults, prohibited alterations, mandatory excusals and withholding placements.

1. Universal disqualifying faults. Viciousness, extreme shyness, unilateral or bilateral cryptorchidism, and albinism are disqualifications for all breeds of dog recognized by United Kennel Club. Judges must disqualify any dog that exhibits these faults, immediately dismiss the exhibitor and dog from the ring and mark the Judge's Book accordingly. Judges

must write an explanation of what behaviors the dog exhibited to enable the Judge to make a determination that the dog was vicious or extremely shy in the comment section of the Judge's book.

2. Breed-specific disqualifying faults.

***a.** Judges must disqualify any American Leopard Hound that is overshot or undershot. Overshot or undershot is defined in these breeds as a dog having a visible gap between the upper and lower teeth. The Judge must disqualify the dog and immediately dismiss the exhibitor and dog from the ring. The Judge is to mark the Judge's book accordingly and name the specific disqualifying fault.

b. Judges must disqualify any dog that exhibits a disqualifying fault as defined in its UKC breed standard. The Judge must disqualify the dog and immediately dismiss the exhibitor and dog from the ring. The Judge is to mark the Judge's book accordingly and name the specific disqualifying fault.

i. When a dog has been disqualified for a breed specific fault, it is ineligible to continue competing at that show. However the dog may continue to be shown at future shows.

ii. Any dog that has been disqualified for the same fault under three different judges shall be ineligible for entry in any UKC Conformation event unless and until notified by UKC that the dog's show eligibility has been reinstated.

3. Prohibited alterations. UKC encourages exhibitors to emphasize the conditioning and training of their dogs and to avoid extreme grooming practices. A dog should be sufficiently clean and well groomed to enable a Judge to properly evaluate the dog. Breeds with traditional trimming patterns may be presented in those patterns. Except as allowed by a dog's UKC breed standard, exhibitors are prohibited from altering coat color, coat texture, pigment color, ear carriage, tail carriage or any other essential element of the dog's conformation by any external means, including artificial color, foreign substances, or surgical means. Dogs are to be disqualified from conformation events when any physical fault has been corrected by surgery or other medical procedure. This prohibition does not apply to any necessary medical procedure required to restore a dog to its previous normal condition, provided such procedure does not:

a. Correct, alter or obscure a condition that would render a dog ineligible for competition, or

- b.** Improve an existing condition to the benefit of the dog's appearance, gait or temperament.
- c.** When a dog has been disqualified for a physical fault, it is ineligible to continue competing for that show. However, the dog may continue to be shown at future shows.
- d.** Any dog that has been disqualified for the same fault, under three different judges, shall be ineligible for entry in any UKC Conformation event unless and until notified by UKC that the dog's show eligibility has been reinstated.

4. Notice of Disqualification. When UKC has received notice that a dog has been disqualified under this section for the third time, the owner of the dog will be notified by certified mail. The owner of the dog shall have 14 days from receipt of this notification to show why the dog should not be barred from all registration privileges. After reviewing any mitigating or extenuating evidence submitted by the owner, UKC staff shall make a finding of facts and determine the penalty, and this ruling shall be final. The owner of the dog shall be notified of the outcome within 30 days of receipt of the owner's response. Owners of dogs that are barred from registration privileges are required to return the dog's UKC registration certificate within 14 days of notice that the dog is barred. Failure to promptly return the registration certificate can result in loss of UKC privileges. Dogs barred from registration privileges may not be transferred nor may litters produced by these dogs be registered.

5. Mandatory Excusals. When a dog is excused for any reason, the Judge must immediately dismiss the exhibitor and dog from the ring. The Judge's Book must be marked accordingly and the Judge must write an explanation of the reason the dog was excused in the comment section of the Judge's Book. The Judge's decision on these matters is final. Owners and exhibitors are presumed to know the condition of their dogs and risk disciplinary action for exhibiting dogs with prohibited alterations.

- a.** Judges must excuse any dog being exhibited with sutures, bandages, adhesive or any other material that is indicative of or related to any surgical or medical procedure.
- b.** Lameness or illness. Judges must excuse any dog that is lame or appears to be ill. The Judge's Book must be marked accordingly and include the reason the dog was excused. The Judge's decision on these matters is final.
- c.** Deafness or blindness. A Judge may excuse any dog he/she suspects is blind or

deaf and mark the Judge's Book accordingly.

The Judge's decision is final.

6. Withholding placements. Judges play an important role in the selection of future breeding stock. For that reason, UKC Judges must not reward any dog that lacks sufficient quality to be a champion. In very large classes, such dogs are usually left out of the placements. In small classes, however, it is important that Judges deny placements to dogs that are so lacking in breed type and soundness that they should never achieve a champion title. Judges withholding placements for lack of quality must note this in the Judge's Book and specifically address the elements where the dog fails to meet the standard. Judges must always take the time to discuss withheld placements with the exhibitor, either at the end of judging the class or the breed.

***7. Coonhound Breeds Eliminating Fault.** If either a male or female of the following Coonhound Breeds is over or under the official UKC height standard for that breed, it will be considered an eliminating fault: American Leopard Hound, Bluetick Coonhound. Dogs which are in the Puppy Class are not to be assessed an eliminating fault for being under the minimum height requirement for their breed standard. If they are over the maximum requirement at any age the eliminating fault will apply.

Information on becoming a licensed UKC Judge can be found in the UKC Judges Handbook or go to www.ukcdogs.com.

***XXV. Scheduling UKC Events**

A. Number Of Events In A Year. UKC Clubs may host as many events per year as the club may properly support. However, UKC has the right to limit the number of events held by any club or Event Manager at their sole discretion.

B. Number Of Events Per Day. A UKC club may apply to hold no more than two conformation events per day.

C. Corresponding Date. All licensed UKC Clubs must hold a minimum of one event per year to remain an active club. A club that has offered an event in any one year shall have the first right to hold an event on the corresponding date in the following year. A club that fails to confirm an event by returning its application and that fails to request that its date be reserved shall lose the right to claim that corresponding date the following year.

D. Mileage Conflicts. UKC will not license events of the same type on the same day to be

held by different clubs within 100 miles of each other, except that conformation shows may be scheduled within that distance if there are no common breeds being offered by the host clubs. Distance shall be calculated using the closest driving route and not air miles.

E. Applying For A New Date. New clubs applying for their first event or clubs applying for a new date must get approval from UKC. A club member may check on the availability of dates by phone, e-mail or written request, but no date will be assigned without an e-mail or written request from a club officer or event committee member. Requests for new dates are processed in the order received. UKC will notify clubs by mail or e-mail when a date is approved or disapproved. Requests for new dates made after the application deadline date may be denied.

F. Clubs With Reserved Corresponding Dates. Approximately nine months before a club's reserved corresponding date, UKC will mail an "Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend" to the club's Secretary. The application will be for the same number and type of events as were offered the previous year. Any changes or additions must be approved in writing or by e-mail by UKC before submitting the Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend. Clubs that submit applications that have been altered without UKC approval may be denied.

G. Applying For A Licensed Event.

1. Application deadline dates.

Completed applications with any changes or additions must be returned to UKC with appropriate fees by the following deadlines:

Month of Event	Deadline
January	August 1
February	September 1
March	October 1
April	November 1
May	December 1
June	January 1
July	February 1
August	March 1
September	April 1
October	May 1
November	June 1
December	July 1

2. When club does not intend to use reserved corresponding date. If a club does not intend to hold an event on its reserved corresponding date, a club officer must notify UKC in writing or by e-mail not later than ten

days prior to the application deadline date. If a club does not request that the date be held for the following year, that date will be lost by that club and will become available to other clubs on a first-come, first-served basis.

3. Late applications or payment of fees. Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline date or without the correct license fees will be assessed a penalty charge of \$20 per event for each calendar month the application is late.

4. Publication of upcoming events in *BLOODLINES* magazine and on the UKC web site. Approved events will be published on the UKC web site and in the first issue of *BLOODLINES* magazine following the approval of an application. These publications shall constitute the official notice of the upcoming event. Any special requirements for bringing dogs into a state where an event is scheduled, such as health or rabies certificates, will be included with other event information. Late applications or changes made after the application deadline may be approved but not published if they arrive too late for the magazine deadline. In such cases, the events and changes will be posted on the UKC web site. Clubs may purchase display ads featuring their upcoming events in *BLOODLINES* magazine. Upcoming event ads for events that have not yet been approved by UKC will be designated as "pending UKC approval."

5. Special requests.

a. Pre-entry only. The "Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend" may be used to request that pre-entries only be accepted for an event. The following rules apply to pre-entry-only events:

- i.** By the closing date of the trial, pre-entered dogs must be permanently registered with UKC, have a Limited Privilege listing, or have a valid Temporary Listing number.
- ii.** The club must send each entrant a confirmation of the entry and a judging schedule. The judging schedule must include the club's refund policy and its policy on substitution of dogs.
- iii.** No day-of-show entries may be taken.

b. Non-licensed classes. Clubs must list all non-licensed classes to be offered, except for Groups, Best in Multi-breed Show and Best in Show, on the application and must conduct the classes in accordance

with the rules in Section XIX.

c. Special requirements for bringing dogs into state where event is being held. Clubs holding events in states with special requirements for bringing dogs into the state must list those requirements in writing when submitting the Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend.

***XXVI. Planning UKC Events.**

A. Appointing an Event Committee. At least one year prior to any event, the club shall appoint an Event Committee. When the club secretary receives the "Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend" (approximately nine months prior to the corresponding date for a club's event), the package will include an Event Report Order form and other information regarding the upcoming event. The Event Report Order Form must be sent to the Event Secretary. The remainder of the package must be sent to the Event Chairperson. The Club Secretary is responsible for ensuring that these forms are promptly sent to the appropriate Event Committee members.

B. Event Committee positions. The Event Committee shall consist of a minimum of two persons: the Event Chairperson and the Event Secretary.

C. Requirements for Event Chairperson and Event Secretary. Both the Event Chairperson and the Event Secretary must be in good standing with UKC.

D. Event Committee information on "Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend". The names, addresses, telephones and e-mail addresses (when applicable) of the Event Chairperson and the Event Secretary must be listed on the "Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend".

E. Prohibition against Event Chairperson and Event Secretary serving as Judge. No person may serve as a Judge for the host club at any event held on the same weekend when that person is serving as Event Chairperson or Event Secretary. The Judge (or alternate Judge) for any particular event may not be designated as the individual to accept either advanced/pre-entries or day-of-show entries for that event. Entries should not be received at the judge's mailing address for any event in which they are judging. Furthermore, it is recommended that an Officiating Judge not prepare or handle any entries for any event hosted by a club on the same weekend for which they are judging.

F. Presence of Event Chairperson and Event Secretary at events. The Event

Chairperson and the Event Secretary must be present during events at which they are serving in these capacities.

G. Replacing Event Chairperson or Event Secretary. Once an application to hold an event has been approved by UKC, the club may not replace the Event Chairperson or the Event Secretary unless the change has been requested in writing to and approved by UKC. If circumstances prevent the Event Chairperson or the Event Secretary from serving on the day of the event, the club President or another club officer must appoint a replacement. The Event Secretary must include notice of the replacement with a written explanation of the reasons for the change when submitting the event results to UKC.

H. Event Chairperson Responsibilities. The Event Chairperson is responsible for planning and conducting the event in accordance with UKC rules. The duties of the Event Chairperson include, but are not limited to:

1. UKC paperwork. The Event Chairperson is responsible for completing and submitting the "Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend" on time and with the required fees.

2. Show Committee. The Event Chairperson may appoint additional committee members to assist with such duties as he/she may delegate.

3. Ring Stewards. The Event Chairperson is responsible for ensuring that experienced ring stewards are assigned to assist each Judge.

4. Show site. The Event Chairperson is responsible for procuring a suitable show site. This includes the responsibility for executing all contracts and acquiring all permits that may be required by local jurisdictions. The Event Chairperson is responsible for ensuring that mats are available for indoor shows when the surface is not suitable for the planned activity.

5. Judges. The Event Chairperson is responsible for hiring and sending written contract agreements to Judges who are properly licensed by UKC for the event and breeds they will be judging. Judges must be hired sufficiently in advance of the event so that their names and assignments can be included on the "Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend". The Event Chairperson must keep the signed Judges' contracts on file for at least one year after the event.

6. Show veterinarian. A veterinarian must be in attendance or on call for each UKC event. Where local laws require that a veterinarian be in attendance, the Event Chairperson is respon-

sible for ensuring that the club is in compliance.

7. Show photographer. Clubs are encouraged to provide a photographer to take show photos at events.

8. Motels. The Event Chairperson is responsible for appointing a member of the host club to serve as a representative to the local motel managers and for notifying local motel managers how to contact this representative with complaints about exhibitors.

I. Event Secretary Responsibilities. The Event Secretary is responsible for:

1. Ordering forms. Upon receipt of the Event Report Order Form from the Club Secretary, the Event Secretary must order from UKC the type and number of forms required to report results from the scheduled event(s).

2. Event license. Approximately six weeks prior to an event, UKC will mail the Event License to the Event Secretary, who is responsible for bringing the license to the event. Any exhibitor at the event who wishes to see the license must be allowed to do so.

3. Rulebook and Breed Standards. The Event Secretary is responsible for bringing a copy of the current Official UKC Conformation Rules and Regulations and current UKC breed standards to the event.

4. Catalogs. If the club elects to offer a catalog of exhibitors, the Event Secretary is responsible for preparing the catalog.

5. Entry taking. The Event Secretary is responsible for accepting only completed and signed entry forms. The Event Secretary assigns an armband number to each entry, which shall be written on the entry form and in the Judge's book. When applicable, the Event Secretary also enters the height and weight of the dog on the entry form.

6. Armbands. The Event Secretary is responsible for ensuring that the club has an adequate supply of numbered armbands for exhibitors to wear while participating in conformation shows.

7. Preparing and receiving Judges' books. The Event Secretary is responsible for preparing Judges' books by writing the armband number and registration number of each dog in the class as indicated on the exhibitor's entry form. Immediately following judging, each Judge will return his/her signed Judge's books to the Event Secretary. The Event Secretary must give each Judge one copy of his/her Judge's book prior to the

Judge leaving the show grounds, on the day of their last assignment, retain one copy in the club's records for one year, and forward one copy to UKC with the event report.

8. Weight rules for Toy Fox Terriers. All Toy Fox Terriers must be weighed once per weekend before being exhibited. Once a dog has been weighed in, it is considered weighed in for those shows hosted by that club on that weekend and it cannot be required to be weighed again. Clubs hosting Toy Fox Terriers must provide a scale on the day of the show to weigh Toy Fox Terrier entrants. Dogs may be weighed by the Judge, Event Committee members, or officers of the host club. No person who is exhibiting a Toy Fox Terrier in a show may weigh a competitor's dog prior to that show. Dogs entered on the day of the show may be weighed at the time of entry. Dogs entered prior to the day of the show must be weighed prior to check-in at the entry table. Individual dog weights must be noted on the entry form by the Event Secretary. Toy Fox Terriers weighing over 7 pounds may not be shown in another conformation event unless and until they have officially weighed in at 7 pounds or under.

9. Submitting event results. All event results must be received at UKC within 10 business days of the event. The Event Secretary is responsible for submitting the results using the forms provided by UKC for each event. Clubs shall be fined at least \$20 per month for each licensed show/trial report submitted past the deadline.

10. Submitting entry forms. The Event Secretary is responsible for making a copy of each entry form prior to sending the original entry forms for each dog that is entered in the event to UKC with the event results. The Event Secretary must keep the copies of all entry forms for one year after an event.

11. Recording fees.

a. Submission of Recording Fee.

The Event Secretary is responsible for ensuring that the correct recording fees are paid when the event results are submitted to UKC.

b. Recording Fee Amount. The recording fee of \$1.50 per entry must accompany the Official Report, except for the classes of Groups, Best In Show, Best In Multi-Breed Show, Special Exhibition and Total Dog.

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United Kennel Club holds and has reserved to itself certain inherent rights and powers in connection with conducting its business, registering litters, transferring ownership 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:

- a) scores;
- b) disqualifications of dogs for fighting or other reasons;
- c) errors by the recording person; and
- d) 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 judgment and discretion, to take such actions and impose such sanctions as would:

- a) Bar an individual from entering or participating in any way in any UKC licensed event.
- b) Bar an individual from transferring or registering any pups or dogs in that person's name (joint or full ownership) or to any member of that person's family.
- c) Bar an individual from receiving Championship points for any dog registered in that person's name (joint or full ownership).

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

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- b) Falsification or alteration of any reports of wins issued to UKC
- c) Falsification or alteration of receipts issued by UKC Judges.
- d) Switching, wrongfully using or attempting to use a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry™ Card or any other UKC document.
- e) Selling or attempting to sell a dog with false or incorrect UKC Registration Certificate or Pedigree.
- f) 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.

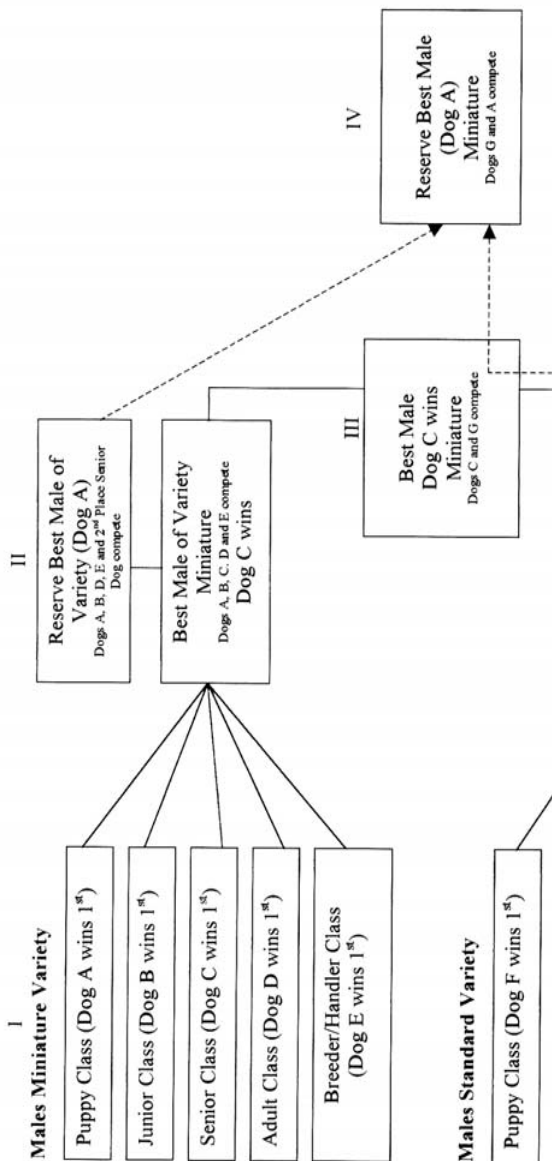
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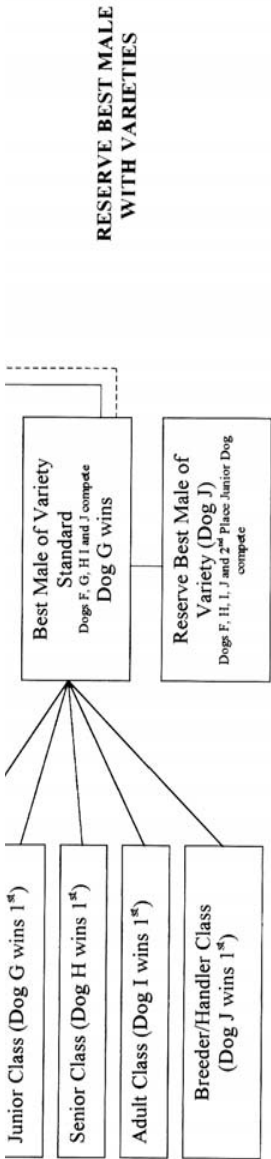
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1. All dog registration privileges will be revoked for life.
 - a. The person(s) will not be permitted to register any litters of puppies.
 - b. The person(s) will not be permitted to transfer ownership of any puppies or adult dogs into their name.
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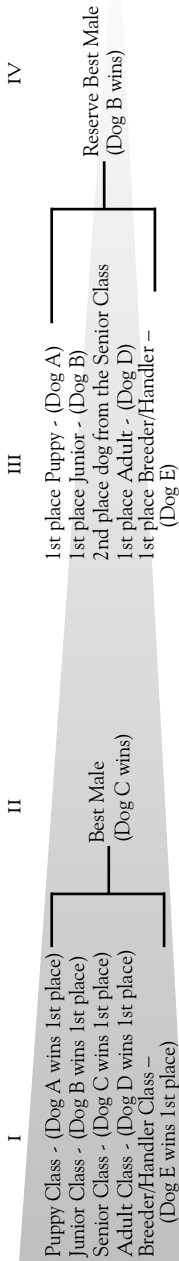
Anyone aware of any persons currently involved in such activities as are listed above should report them to United Kennel Club.

Breed with varieties





Breed without varieties



I - This section lists the designated class winners. These dogs compete against each other for Best Male.

II - This section lists the Best Male winner.

III - This section lists the dogs that come back into the ring and compete against each other for Reserve Best Male.

IV - This section lists the Reserve Best Male winner.

UKC® Conformation Point Schedules

Schedule 1. Breeds without varieties

Regular Class (Puppy, Junior, Senior, Adult or Breeder/Handler)	10
Best Male	15
Reserve Best Male	0
Best Female	15
Reserve Best Female	0
Best of Winners	10

Order of judging.

Regular class males are judged before regular class females.

Regular class males:

Puppy, Junior, Senior, Adult, Breeder/Handler

Best Male

Reserve Best Male

Regular class females:

Puppy, Junior, Senior, Adult, Breeder/Handler

Best Female

Reserve Best Female

Best of Winners

Champion

Grand Champion

Best of Breed

Requirements for UKC Champion Title

- A minimum of 100 championship points
- Points must be earned under at least three different UKC licensed Judges,
- Win three Best Male/Female (or higher) classes at three different shows with competition under three different UKC licensed Judges.



Schedule 2. Breeds with varieties

Regular class <i>by variety</i> (Puppy , Junior, Senior, Adult or Breeder/Handler)	5
Best Male of Variety	8
Reserve Best Male of Variety	0
Best Male	10
Reserve Best Male	0
Best Female of Variety	8
Reserve Best Female of Variety	0
Best Female	10
Reserve Best Female	0
Best of Winners	12

Order of judging.

*Regular class males are judged
before regular class females.*

Regular class males *by variety*:

Puppy, Junior, Senior, Adult, Breeder/Handler

Best Male of Variety

Reserve Best Male of Variety

Best Male

Reserve Best Male

Regular class females *by variety*:

Puppy, Junior, Senior, Adult, Breeder/Handler

Best Female of Variety

Reserve Best Female of Variety

Best Female

Reserve Best Female

Best of Winners

Champion

Grand Champion

Best of Breed

Requirements for UKC Grand Champion Title

- Win five Champion classes with competition at five different shows
- Wins must be earned under at least three different UKC licensed Judges.

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Point System (1) for breeds without varieties

First place class win.....10 points

Best Male or Best Female

(aka - Best of Sex)15 points

Best of Winners

(Must have Best Male/Best Female compete against each other for class to be held and for points to be awarded)10 points

Point system (2) for breeds with varieties

First place class win.....5 points

Best Male of Variety or Best Female of Variety

.....8 points

Best Male or Best Female

(aka - Best of Sex)10 points

Best of Winners

(Must have Best Male/Best Female compete against each other for class to be held and for points to be awarded)12 points

There are no additional points for any other wins (BOB, Groups or BIS wins).

Here is how competition is calculated and Championship requirements.

The requirements for a Championship are a minimum of 100 CH points and three wins with competition under three different Judges. Competition is defined as follows:

As long as the Judge does not withhold a placement or higher award, the appropriate points will be awarded to the dog regardless of how many dogs are entered at the class level in a breed. However, there are no additional Championship points awarded for going Best of Breed nor will a Best of Winners class be held or points awarded if the Best Male and Best Female winners are not present for this competition.

Competition is credited in one of the following manners.

1. The class dog must win a minimum of their Best of Sex (Best Male or Best Female) and win over another class dog (any class) of the same breed, same sex.
2. If the dog is the only one of its sex it must also win a minimum of their Best of Sex and beat the other Best of Sex for Best of Winners. In other words the Best Male and the Best Female would compete, and the dog awarded the Best of Winners would receive an appropriate competition win.
3. If the class dog is awarded the Best of Breed win OVER either Champions or Grand Champions of the same breed, competition would be credited.

Here is where it can get more complicated . . .

If yours is the only dog entered in your breed, in order to gain competition the dog would have to either:

- a) Place in Group competition if groups are held, beating another dog in their respective group or
- b) Be awarded a Best In Multi-Breed Show or Reserve Best In Multi-Breed Show.
- c) There are NO additional Championship points awarded for placing in group competition or for being awarded Best/Reserve in Multi-Breed Show.

Here are the requirements for a Grand Champion (GRCH) title.

The requirements to earn the GRCH title is as follows: A Champion dogs must win the Champions class a minimum of 5 times with competition (a minimum of 3 Champions shown in this class) under 3 different judges. A Champion dog may earn a competition win towards its GRCH title if it wins BOB over a Grand Champion and the total number of dogs entered in the both the Champion class and the Grand Champion class meets or exceeds the minimum 3 dog requirement.

Title certificates.

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