



REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS THAT APPLY EXCLUSIVELY TO DOG OF THE YEAR EVENTS.

- Events will run under UKC Elite Shed Dog Series format and rules.
- Dog of the Year Series events can be held as 3-day events but ONLY Saturday and Sunday runs will count towards DOY points.
- Entries may not close until the cut-off date, which can be no closer than one month prior to the event.
- Top 4 placements will be awarded/recorded for each class on each day for Champion AND Working.
- No course will be run twice by the same class for a DOY event day.
- DOY events should make every effort to have the fewest number of plants possible before the first dog in the running order.
- The running order shall be new and random for each day of the event. No changes shall be made to the running order after the handler's meeting.
- Bitch checks are required to be conducted on both mornings of each DOY event. Dogs found to be in heat must be allowed to run, however, they will run last. Handlers with female dogs who are not present for the bitch check and do not arrive by the end of the handlers meeting shall have their female dogs automatically scratched.
- The judge or a non-competing event official will randomly and blindly determine the blanks.
- DOY event judges must have had six (6) previous assignments in the class they are judging.
- Judges and Planters may run for passes towards titles but may not be in contention for DOY points in the class they are judging or planting. If a judge/planter's dog is in heat, it cannot run.
- There will be a limit of three (3) dogs per handler, per class at DOY events.
- A total of eight (8) qualifying runs at DOY events are required to qualify for Dog of the Year.
- In the case of a points tie, the dog with the most 1st place wins will prevail, if tied for 1st place wins, the 2nd place will be reviewed and so on.