

Junior Dog Judging Contest Rules and Regulations

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Junior Dog Judging Contest is open to any junior between 9 and 19 years of age.

The purpose of the contest is to assist in promoting a high standard for youthful judges by teaching them the importance of independent, unbiased judgment, good sportsmanship, the art of close observation, and accurate mental photography: also to develop a retentive memory and the proper use of applicable terms in either oral or written expression.

The International Kennel Club contest follows the general plan of livestock judging contests set up nationally for 4-H members who are trained to judge several breeds of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs.

Oral reasons for placing animals are definitely preferable to written reasons, if time permits. The International Kennel Club contest is based upon oral reasons rather than written ones.

The contest committee is aware of the hesitancy of some contestants to enter a contest in which there are breeds less familiar to them than the ones they own. However, this has proven that the broadening effect upon the contestant preparing for the contest justifies having several breeds represented.

Three to five breeds will be judged with up to 4 dogs in each breed class.

THE INTERNATIONAL KENNEL CLUB OF CHICAGO offers the following prizes:

First place individual will have their name engraved on the C. Groverman Ellis Trophy. This trophy is on display at the International Kennel Club of Chicago office.

A silver-plated trophy to each of the ten high ranking individual in judging all classes.

Jr. Dog Judging Committee

1. The Jr. Dog Judging Committee will see that all rules and regulations governing the contest are duly carried out and that the contest is conducted with fairness and justice to all concerned.
2. They shall direct the contestants which class to judge, time to commence work, and time to stop, but will not indicate the method to follow, either in judging the class, forming reasons, or giving reasons before the judge.
3. The Jr. Dog Judging Committee shall have nothing to do with placing the animals in the various classes, nor with the grading of the placing, or the reasons.
4. The Jr. Dog Judging Committee shall have charge of all the grades given for both placing and reasons, and it shall be their duty to have those tabulated and totaled. They shall

deliver the results of the contest to the Show Chairperson of the International Kennel Club, who shall publish the results.

CLERKS, ASSISTANTS AND ATTENDANTS

The clerks, assistants, and attendants shall be at the direction of the Show Chairperson and shall carry out the Chairperson's orders, and none of these assistants shall confer with the contestants, unless directed to do so.

The attendants showing the dogs shall hold the animals in a careful manner, so that all contestants may have a fair chance to make observations of them.

JUDGE

1. The judging committee shall consist of an experienced judge.
2. It shall be the duty of the official judge to look over the rings of dogs and decide as to the order in which the ring shall be placed, and to decide on the essential reasons for placing the first above the second, the second above the third, and the third above the fourth. The judge shall keep his rating of the class secret until released by the Jr. Dog Judging Committee.
3. The Jr. Dog Judging Committee shall be responsible for securing the classes of dogs to be used in the contest.
4. Fifty points shall constitute a perfect mark for placing. If oral reasons are requested on a class, the contestants shall have two minutes in which to give reasons for placing each class of dogs. It shall be the duty of the judge to hear these reasons, to grade them, and to record the grade for the reasons on the cards provided by the Jr. Dog Judging Committee. Fifty points shall constitute a perfect mark for reasons.
5. As soon as the judge has recorded the grades, the assistants shall collect the cards.

CONTESTANTS

1. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between contestants or between contestants and anyone else, except as directed by the Jr. Dog Judging Committee. Any violation of this rule will be punished by the expulsion of the offender.
2. The contestant shall hand their card, bearing their number, the descriptive name given the class of dogs, and placing, to the Jr. Dog Judging Committee immediately after they finishes with each class.
3. Each contestant may be asked to write their reasons on the card they hand in. If oral reasons are given on a class reference notes may be kept by the contestant.
4. Ties shall be broken in the first 10 places by the oral reasons score if oral reasons are given: if oral reasons not used, then by the score of the breed determined by the Jr. Dog Judging Committee

Any contestant failing to stay with the group until the Jr. Dog Judging Committee releases all contestants shall be disqualified a contestant.

TIME

In each of the classes, fifteen minutes shall be allowed the contestant to make their observation, record their reasons and placing, and write such memoranda as necessary. The contestant shall hand their card to the Jr. Dog Judging Committee assistant as soon as they have finished the work of placing the class.

SAMPLE OF CARD			
Contestant No.	_____	Breed	_____
Placing: 1 st	_____	2 nd	_____
		3 rd	_____
			4 th _____

CLASSES OF DOGS AND METHODS OF NUMBERING

1. Three to Four dogs shall constitute a class, with the selection of dogs being made by an AKC judge.
2. Dogs shall be identified by placing Armbands on the arms of the attendants holding them. These Armbands shall be numbered 1, 2, 3, 4.
3. Only Jr. Dog Judging Committee and their assistants, the Judge and holders of dogs shall be in the ring while the contest is in progress.
4. The procedure to be followed will be given to the contestants by the Jr. Dog Judging Committee in charge on the morning of the contest.