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HOW TO EXHIBIT YOUR PEDIGREED, REGISTERED DOG

NEW EXHIBITOR'S GUIDE

MEMBERSHIP OF DOGS QUEENSLAND

First of all you, need to become a Dogs Queensland Member. You can find all the information at <http://www.dogsqueensland.org.au/New-Member-Information.aspx>. The first decision you will need to make is whether you want a Joint or a Single Membership. If there are two owners and you are both genuinely interested in the showing of your dogs, then a Joint Membership is best for you. You must, however, reside at the same address to secure this membership. If not, then a Single Membership is more suitable. In the Dogs Queensland Membership Pack, you will find a Rule Book. It is very important to familiarise yourself with these Rules before you submit your Application for Membership. Memberships are approved on a weekly basis so you would receive your Membership Card within two weeks of applying. If you merely want to show your dog, your membership card is all you need. Information in the enclosed Handbook for New Members will give you more details. As a last step, please ensure that once your dog is purchased and you have received your Certificate of Registration and Pedigree from the Breeder, that this certificate must reflect the same name as your membership, i.e. Joint Names for Joint Membership, Single Names for Single Membership.

HINTS FOR PURCHASING YOUR FIRST SHOW DOG

- Purchase a show quality puppy of the breed of your choice (which is recognised by the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC)) from a reputable Dogs Queensland registered breeder.
- Your puppy must be "pure bred". That is, he / she must be pedigreed and you must have the pedigree papers and he / she must be in your name.
- Your new puppy must be registered on the "Main Register" of Dogs Queensland, which then allows you to enter Championship Conformation Shows.
- Official pedigree papers can take up to fourteen days to arrive from the Dogs Queensland office.
- It is a requirement under Queensland Government law that all puppies be microchipped prior to sale. Ensure that the breeder has done this and that the microchip details have been recorded on the litter registration form.

TRAINING AND GROOMING FOR THE BIG DAY

- Train your puppy daily on a lead, practicing gaiting (the pattern of movement at varying speeds and varying placement of feet) and show stance (the best possible standing position for judging purposes) for about ten minutes per session, several times daily, if time permits. The breeder will probably help you with the correct stance and speed at which to show your breed.
- Teach your puppy to be a relaxed traveller (a sick dog is no fun) by starting with short car trips and gradually increase the duration, until your dog is a comfortable and experienced traveller.

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- Brush or comb your puppy, removing loose hair and knots, weekly to get it used to the grooming routine.
- Maintain coat and body condition with good diet (perhaps including oil), exercise and a thorough worming program. Regular vaccinations are compulsory and also essential to health.
- On the weekend before the show, check that your puppy's teeth are clean, if necessary have your vet clean them and trim claws for neat feet.
- Wash your puppy the day before the show. Once again, the breeder should help you with how best to prepare your puppy's coat for the show ring.
- Before the show, organise a suitable outfit to show in (perhaps slacks for ladies and shirt and tie for the gentlemen). Sensible shoes are a must!!
- As you can appreciate, show days can be long and tiring, so it is wise to consider your own comfort as well as the safety and comfort of your dog. Go armed with a bottle and a bowl for the dog's water, some lunch for both of you, a chair, an umbrella or a tent for shelter, a crate, trolley or table to secure your dog at the show. Remember, your dog must not be left unattended at the show. Don't forget your exhibit number and of course some grooming equipment.
- Make sure you know exactly where the show is and how to get there.
- Whatever your results are at the end of the day, remember that there is always another show!

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT SHOWS ARE BEING CONDUCTED?

Officially sanctioned *Championship* and *Open Dog* shows are conducted by Affiliated Clubs and held throughout the year statewide. Details are published in each issue of Queensland Dog World monthly Magazine, together with the name, address and telephone number of the Secretary of the Club conducting the show. These details are called the "Show Schedule". These details are also published in the Dogs Queensland website www.dogsqueensland.org.au

Your membership of Dogs Queensland entitles you to receive a monthly copy of Queensland Dog World Magazine.

Suggestion: Highlight suitable shows and mark closing date of entries, journal page number and date of show on a calendar. Don't forget to send your entries well before the closing date.

HOW DO I ENTER MY PUPPY IN A SHOW?

Official entry form pads may be purchased from Dogs Queensland, some breed clubs and some vendors at dog shows. Also some Shows offer online entries – you can check the schedule or check www.ozentries.com.au.

WHAT NAME DO I USE FOR MY PUP?

Although you will call your puppy by a pet name at home, when he is entered in a show, this must be done under his correct, pedigree name, as it appears on his registration papers. His

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parents have official pedigree names too and these must also appear on your entry forms.

WHAT BREED CLASS DO I ENTER?

On the back of the entry forms, you will find the standard classification of classes at dog shows. These predetermined classes are governed by age restrictions and your dog may only be eligible to enter certain classes.

Only certain classes are judged at each show. When you read the show schedule in the Journal, you will see which classes are being held at that show and must choose from these.

Be careful to make the distinction between Dog and Bitch classes. Bitch classes have the same number as dog classes, but are followed by the letter "A". This is important, because sometimes a pedigree name of a puppy could belong either to a bitch or a dog and it will save the secretary of the show a phone call to find out if your puppy is a boy or a girl! It may also save you from missing out on the show altogether.

CAN I ENTER MORE THAN ONE CLASS?

You are not restricted to entering only one class once your puppy is over six months of age. However, the nature of a dog show and the way the awards are gained determines that if your pup fails to gain a first place in ANY class in which he is entered, then he is no longer eligible for a Challenge Award (more about Challenges later).

So the usual practice is to enter your dog only in his / her appropriate class – you can also enter sweepstakes events for your dog's age group if they are offered at that particular show.

ON THE DAY!

Double-check in the Queensland Dog World Magazine and Website what time the judging is due to start. It is wise to plan your arrival at the show in plenty of time to find yourself a place to park your car, find the right ring, find a place to sit with your pup in the shade and wait for the judging of his / her breed and to have time to settle your squeaky clean pup and give him / her a quick once over with a brush or comb to make him / her look his / her best.

Upon arrival at the showgrounds, search out the show secretary's office and collect your exhibitor number and show catalogue (if you have prepaid).

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH RING TO GO TO?

At All Breeds Championship Shows there will most often be one dedicated ring allocated to each Group of dogs. Pedigree dogs are divided into seven groups, according to the type of work or function that a particular breed was designed to perform. The names and numbers of these groups are: -

Group 1 - Toys **Group 2** - Terriers **Group 3** - Gundogs **Group 4** - Hounds
Group 5 - Working Dogs **Group 6** - Utility Dogs **Group 7** - Non Sporting Dogs

You probably know already which Group your pup belongs to, but if you are not sure then buy a catalogue and a quick glance will tell you.

Each ring should be clearly marked with the Group(s) being judged, together with the name of

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the judge officiating in that ring for the day. To save yourself a considerable amount of time, we suggest that when you collect your exhibitor number and catalogue, ask the Show Secretary where your ring is located.

THE JUDGING HAS STARTED, NOW WHAT?

Ensure that you check the catalogue to see when your breed is being judged. Unless your pup belongs to a breed which is at the beginning of the Group, you will have some time to wait. Breeds are judged within each of the 7 Groups in Alphabetical order.

The usual "judging rate" is approximately 40 dogs per hour – if your particular breed is close to, or at, the beginning of the Group judging order, then you'd better get organised quickly. If you have a number of breeds / dogs entered before you, then you do have a little bit more time to spare.

Make sure you can hear the steward calling breeds and classes from where you choose to sit, or go over to the ring now and then to check which breed / class the judge is up to. When the class before your pup's is being judged, take your pup over to the ringside (but not in the way of dogs and handlers going into or coming out of the ring) and listen for your class to be announced and your number called. Note that a roll call may be made while the previous class is still being judged.

While you are waiting at ringside:

- watch carefully the procedure in the ring;
- where the steward is lining up the dogs ready for the judge;
- what the judge does when he examines each dog; and
- the pattern he is asking handlers to follow when they are moving their dogs.

This will help you to feel a little less like a 'fish out of water' when your turn comes.

When you hear your number called by the steward, answer clearly "Here" and enter the ring, going to where the steward directs if your pup is first into the ring, or following the other pups if he is further down the line.

When the steward assembles your class, the numbers are called in order and a line is formed to enter the ring. Any person who fails to answer the steward's call will be marked as absent after three (3) calls, so don't get involved in conversations or other activities which could cause you to miss your call. If called and marked absent, an exhibit cannot enter that ring.

OK, now it's your turn! Always follow the judge's instructions and be courteous and considerate at all times to the judge, steward and other exhibitors. The judge will probably ask you and the other exhibitors in your class to move (gait) your puppies once around the ring before standing your puppy back in front of them.

The judge will then examine your dog from nose to tail, either on the ground or a table for small breeds, to check for correct conformation (the outward appearance and physical formation of a dog – the overall quality of a dog's structure, form and arrangement of parts), coat and condition. You will again be asked to move your dog individually, which allows the judge to assess movement.

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The breeder of your puppy or the Secretary of your particular Breed Club (find details in the club directory in the Queensland Dog World Magazine or Website) could help you with what you actually do once you are in the ring or you could go to show training classes.

You should have practiced standing him / her at home and getting members of the family or friends to pretend to judge him / her, therefore the procedure should not be too strange to your puppy when he / she is in the ring.

JUDGING

As a new exhibitor, you will find the show ring a bit bewildering! The judging procedure may seem like a maze but basically it is a knockout contest, with winners ascending to the next level of competition. By the end of the show there is one winner from the total show entry and that exhibit is Best In Show.

Along the way to this ultimate prize, there are other prestigious awards, Best In Group, Runner Up Best In Group, Best of Breed, Runner Up Best of Breed and Best in Class. Breed Club Shows usually award Opposite Sex winners in class.

CLASS JUDGING

As each class enters the ring, the steward will tell the first person in the line whether the dog should go straight to the table or if the judge wants the class to parade around the ring before coming to the table. Each dog is examined, then is gaited for the judge to assess movement, either in a triangle, a circle or out in a straight line and back to the judge. Make sure you listen to the judge's instructions.

When all the dogs in the class have been examined, the placings are given. Win or lose, don't forget to thank the judge and the steward and accept your placing gracefully. Bad sportsmanship in the ring is very undesirable and dog showing is meant to be enjoyable!

If your dog is aged over six months and wins its class, stay near the ring as you will need to go back into the ring for the Challenge line up. All exhibits over the age of six months, placed second in their class, need to stay nearby, in case the Challenge winner comes from the class in which your dog was shown. In that case, you will be called back into the lineup for the judge to choose the Reserve Challenge winner. Later on, all class winners, including Baby Puppies, go back into the ring for opposite sex judging (i.e. dog opposing bitch).

ORDER OF JUDGING

In each breed, males are shown first, beginning with Baby Puppies and the judging moves up through the classes until all the males have been judged and the Dog Challenge and Reserve Dog Challenge are awarded. All class winners, other than Baby Puppies, enter the line up for the judge to select the Challenge Dog (his best male example of the breed).

After all the males of a particular breed have been judged and the Challenge and Reserve Challenge awards are made, judging for the bitches begins. This process is conducted in exactly the same manner as the dog challenge.

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Best of Breed is then judged between the Challenge Dog and the Challenge Bitch. If the dog wins this award, the Reserve Challenge Dog will come into the ring to contest the Challenge Bitch for Runner Up Best of Breed. If the Bitch wins Best of Breed, the Reserve Challenge Bitch will contest the Challenge Dog for Runner Up Best of Breed.

Opposite Sex judging for each class begins after the Best of Breed and Runner Up have been awarded. This is where the first place dog and bitch compete for Opposite Sex. Commencing with Baby Puppies, the judging works upwards to the Open class, excepting that whichever classes the Best of Breed (BOB) winners came from, then those Classes are automatically awarded to the Best of Breed winners, except if BOB runner up came from the same class as the BOB winner.

If, for any class, there is no Opposite Sex entry, the award is automatic for the dog or bitch which won its class – e.g. if the dog is the winner of the Minor Puppy dog class and there were no Minor Puppy bitches exhibited, the Best Minor Puppy of Breed is an automatic award to the dog (or vice versa for the bitch Minor Puppy not opposed by a dog).

CHALLENGE POINTS (only awarded at Championship Shows)

Challenge Points are awarded based on the following format:

Best of Breed winners: five points and one point for each exhibit, male and female, including him / herself, but excluding the Baby Puppies. The opposite sex Challenge Certificate (i.e. was not awarded Best of Breed) earns five points plus one point for each of its own sex exhibit, including him / herself (e.g. if your Intermediate Dog won the Dog Challenge but was not Best of Breed, and there were ten other dogs shown in the various classes (excluding Baby Puppies and all absentees), then he earns five points, plus one point for himself, plus ten points for the other dogs = 16.

Challenge Certificates earn a maximum of 25 points. The points are accumulated for each Challenge Certificate and when you have a total of 100 points, the dog / bitch can be awarded its title for Australian Champion.

GROUP JUDGING

All of the Best of Breed exhibits are presented to the judge to choose Best in Group. The Runner Up Best of Breed, from the same breed as the Best In Group, is then called into the ring for the judge to select the Runner Up Best In Group. Class judging for the Group then continues, beginning with Best Baby Puppy and works upward through the classes. The Best In Group winner is also automatically awarded Best in Class for whichever class it came from. Unless the Runner Up Best In Group is from the same class as the Group winner, it also is automatically Best of its individual Class.

IN SHOW AWARDS

From the seven Groups in an All Breeds Show, each Group is represented in the General Specials ring to determine the In Show Awards, with each Best Exhibit in Group competing for Best In Show. When that award is given, then the runner up from that same Group enters the ring to contest with the other exhibits for Runner Up Best In Show. Judging then takes place to find the Best Baby Puppy In Show, the Best Minor Puppy in Show and so on up through the classes in the same way that Group judging was conducted. Best in Show and Runner Up Best

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in Show are automatically awarded with Best In Show for their class.

If you're still not sure how to go about showing, then don't be afraid to ask someone for help. This will help you get the fullest enjoyment out of showing. Your breeder or your Breed Club Secretary are quite often excellent sources of assistance too.

One thing to remember is that you have paid for a judge's opinion of your dog on that day at that particular dog show. Each judge may place a different emphasis on the hallmarks and conformation that are required in the standard of your breed.

This is what showing is all about and this does not necessarily mean your dog is not a good specimen of its breed if it does not win all the time.

So, the lights are down, the curtains up and you're on – good showing and have fun!

HOW TO ENTER YOUR EXHIBIT IN A DOG SHOW IN QUEENSLAND

When you read through a Show Schedule in your Queensland Dog World Magazine or Dogs Queensland Website, you will note a number of important features of the show are quoted:

- the date of the fixture;
- the type of fixture, Championship Show, Open Show, Parade;
- the Judge or Judges officiating;
- the name and address of the Club secretary to whom the entries should be sent;
- the closing date of entry;
- the classes offered for the breeds; and
- many other matters pertinent to the show

CLASSIFICATION - GENERAL CLASSES

No classes, other than the following, shall be provided without the special permission of Dogs Queensland and the total number of classes provided for any one breed or variety shall not exceed the maximum laid down by Dogs Queensland from time to time.

The ordinary classes shall be:–

Class 1 “Baby Puppy Dog” – for dogs of three and under six months of age.

Class 1a “Baby Puppy Bitch” – for bitches of three and under six months of age.

Class 2 “Minor Puppy Dog” – for dogs of six and under nine months of age.

Class 2a “Minor Puppy Bitch” – for bitches of six and under nine months of age.

Class 3 “Puppy Dog” – for dogs of six and under twelve months of age.

Class 3a “Puppy Bitch” – for bitches of six and under twelve months of age.

Class 4 “Junior Dog” – for dogs of nine and under eighteen months of age.

Class 4a “Junior Bitch” – for bitches of nine and under eighteen months of age.

Class 5 “Intermediate Dog” – for dogs of eighteen months of age and under thirty–six months of age.

Class 5a “Intermediate Bitch” – for bitches of eighteen months of age and under thirty–six months of age.

Class 6 “Novice Dog” – for dogs six months of age or over which have not won a first prize at any Open Show, Parade or Championship Show, Baby Puppy Dog or local classes excepted.

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Class 6a “Novice Bitch” – for bitches six months of age or over which have not won a first prize at any Open Show, Parade or Championship Show, Baby Puppy Bitch or local classes excepted.

Class 7 “Graduate Dog” – for dogs six months of age or over which have not won a Challenge Certificate.

Class 7a “Graduate Bitch” – for bitches six months of age or over which have not won a Challenge Certificate.

Class 8 “Limit Dog” – for dogs over twelve months of age which have not qualified for the title of “Australian Champion”.

Class 8a “Limit Bitch” – for bitches over twelve months of age which have not qualified for the title of “Australian Champion”.

Class 9 “State–Registered Dog” – for dogs six months and over which were initially registered in the State in which it is exhibited (i.e. Queensland).

Class 9a “State–Registered Bitch” – for bitches six months and over which were initially registered in the State in which it is exhibited (i.e. Queensland).

Class 10 “Australian–bred Dog” – for dogs six months of age or over whelped in Australia.

Class 10a “Australian–bred Bitch” – for bitches six months of age or over whelped in Australia.

Class 11 “Open Dog” – for all dogs six months of age or over of any breed recognised by the Australian National Kennel Council.

Class 11a “Open Bitch” – for all bitches six months of age or over of any breed recognised by the Australian National Kennel Council.

Class 12 “Veteran Dog” – for all dogs aged over seven years. This class may be split into two classes, for dogs over seven years and under ten years, or else run as one class (see Breed Specialty Shows).

Class 12a “Veteran Bitch” – for all bitches aged over seven years. This class may be split into two classes, for bitches over seven years and under ten years, or else run as one class (see Breed Specialty Shows).

The following Neuter Classes may be offered as optional Classes:

Class 15 “Puppy Neuter” – for neuter dogs and bitches aged six and under twelve months.

Class 16 “Junior Neuter” – for neuter dogs and bitches aged nine and under eighteen months.

Class 17 “Intermediate Neuter” – for neuter dogs and bitches aged eighteen and under thirty–six months.

Class 18 “Open Neuter” – for neuter dogs and bitches aged six months or over.

- Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be ineligible to compete for Challenge or Best of Breed awards.
- Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be judged at breed level after Best of Breed and any Class elimination judging.
- Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be judged at both Group and Show level, immediately after Class 11.
- Only dogs or bitches registered with an ANKC Member Body as a “neuter” shall be eligible to compete in either Class 15,16,17 or 18.
- Any request for registration as a neuter with an ANKC Member Body must be accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate endorsing that the dog or bitch has been neutered.

“BRACE” – For two dogs six months of age or over of the same breed, the property of the same owner, each of which has competed in at least one breed class at the same exhibition, which are handled in the judging ring by the one person.

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“TEAM” – For three dogs or more, each six months of age or over, the property of the same owner and of the same breed, each of which has competed in at least one breed class at the same exhibition, and which are handled in the judging ring by the one person.

“VETERAN” – For dogs and bitches over 7 years of age. The following requirements are to be observed;

Breed Specialty Shows

A Veteran Class (12 / 12A) for entire exhibits may be conducted after the completion of Classes 11 / 11A at Breed Specialty Shows. Winning exhibits will be eligible to compete for the Challenge Certificate.

All Breeds Shows

An entire Veteran exhibit may compete for a Challenge Certificate, or any Special Prize which is not specifically awarded for a Veteran Class, provided that the said exhibit is entered in an appropriate breed class.

Desexed Exhibits

Provided they are proven Sires or Dams, desexed exhibits may be entered in a category of Veteran Sweepstakes only. Desexed exhibits are not eligible to compete for the Challenge Certificate. Special Register Numbers are to be used where issued, to identify exhibits.

“SWEEPSTAKES”

Veteran Class Sweepstakes

Veteran Sweepstakes may be conducted for any exhibit over 7 years old. Such Sweepstakes may be divided into categories as follows:–

- Over 7 years and under 10 years of age;
- 10 years of age or over.

Full details must be indicated on the Schedule. Veteran Exhibits entered in Sweepstakes need not be entered in a breed class, whether entire or not.

Desexed Sweepstakes

Sweepstakes for Desexed dogs of six months of age and over may be conducted at exhibitions. These Sweepstakes are in addition to the normal Veteran sweepstakes. Exhibits in Desexed Sweepstakes are not eligible to compete for a Challenge Certificate or any higher award.

ADDITIONAL EXTRACTS FROM DOGS QUEENSLAND RULES

For the purpose of ascertaining the eligibility of Novice, Graduate and Limit class pursuant to these Rules, only wins up to and including the day before the date on which entries close shall count. Wins at Parades and Open Shows shall count at subsequent Parades or Open Shows only, but wins at Championship Shows shall count at subsequent Parades, Open Shows and Championship Shows.

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For the purpose of these Rules, the age of all dogs shall be computed from, and inclusive of, the day of their birth to the first day of the exhibition and months are calculated as calendar months.

The use of all classes in Rule 112 shall be left to the discretion of the Affiliate Club concerned. Deletion of any of these classes will be restricted to Minor Puppy, Novice, Graduate, Limit, and Australian-bred, Brace, Team and Veteran.

Property Classes may be included in Specialist Club Shows for exhibits over six months of age as follows:—

a. The maximum number of property classes permitted is six. Property Classes are to be based on the breed characteristics as described in the Breed Standard, for example, feet, head, coat, movement, tail and front (not to include Brace, Team or Veteran, as these are breed classes, unless specified as sweepstakes). If judged by General Specials Judge, property classes to be judged after General Specials, if judged by a separate judge, time of judging to be at the discretion of the Club.

b. Colour classes are to count as one class provided that the colours are permitted in the authorised Breed standard.

c. All exhibits entering property classes are to be entered in an appropriate Breed Class. Desexed Classes do count as Breed Classes. Desexed dogs may only compete in Desexed Classes.

Progeny Classes may be included in Specialist Breed Club Shows. Such classes are to consist of a parent, either Sire or Dam, plus two progeny over six months of age. Sire or Dam entered in the progeny classes do not have to be entered in a breed class in the catalogue. Desexed dogs may only compete in Veteran and Desexed Classes.