



Spectators' Guide to Attending a Dog Show



2 Separate Shows! Saturday & Sunday

Judging Competition

- Begins at approx. 8:30am each day

Class Competition: generally in the morning

Group Competition (Best of Breed winners in each of the 7 Groups) Starts at Approx. 12:00pm/1:00pm each day; see posted schedule for exact time.

**“Best in Show” & “Reserve Best in Show”
Owner-Handled Series Best in Show
Afterwards!**

Rally & Obedience Trials located in the East Corridor – includes All-American Dogs & Mixed Breeds!

Enter the Match Competition! - with Prizes

- AKC Registered Dogs 4 months & up
- Public Invited to Enter AKC Registered Dog for this fun, practice match!
- Also a Junior Showmanship Competition!
- **Register by 4:00 pm** Saturday at Catalog Sales
- \$7 per entry
Match starts at **6:00pm** Saturday

Obedience “OC” Match

Friday: 3:00pm Saturday: after HIT



Buy your pet a great gift!

SUPPORT THE CLUB!

Show Catalogs for sale at the Catalog Sales table on the arena floor; includes show schedule for the breeds, obedience classes & for Junior Showmanship.

Raffle Drawing: Saturday, approx. 2:30 pm

Doggie Cookies & Gifts: visit the Club table on the arena floor.

Strollers can place a child's face at the same level as unfamiliar dogs' faces. Plus, a stroller could accidentally run over a dogs' tail. You may go to the Vendor area or arena seating area with strollers. If you do go onto the arena floor, we prefer you to park your stroller in the designated "stroller parking" area near arena entry.

Learn Dog Show Etiquette ----- It's All About the Dog!



CHILDREN. No running or loud noise please.



Ring Entrances. Stay clear of the ring entrances/ gate where dogs go in and out. Watch from outer side areas if possible.



Talking to Exhibitors/Handlers. Always ask first if it is a good time to talk! You might be catching someone as they are nervously waiting to go into the ring, or intent on grooming for an upcoming ring time. They'll love to talk about their favorite breed!



Talking at the ring. Don't talk with exhibitors when they are in the ring showing.



Ring Markers. Do not touch the ring markers or lean over or on them—they will fall.



Empty Show Ring. Remember, an empty ring is not a playpen. Please do not enter.



Hugs & Fingers. No hugs or fingers in a strange dog's crate.



Distractions. Each dog and handler has only moments in the ring for the judge to evaluate him. No food, thrown objects or loud noises at or near the ring.



Clapping. Yes, it is okay to clap for a favorite in the show ring! Clapping from the seating area is encouraged, especially during Group & Best in Show!!!



Your Pet. Sorry, you must leave your own canine child at home. By AKC rules, only dogs entered into the dog shows are allowed to be on the show grounds unless a special promotion or event is offered.



Watch where you step! We're sure you don't want to step on any feet, noses or tails of our doggie friends. And, on another note, watch for doggie accidents.



Cell phones and pagers. Please have it on mute or vibrate. Please be courteous; use your manners.



Dress. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Exhibitors often dress appropriately in suits, even at small dog shows.

Visit the Concession Stand!

Lobby



Dog Entries come from all over the United States! California, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Arizona, New Mexico, Georgia, South Carolina, Missouri, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Michigan, Mississippi, Illinois and more!

The role of the Judge

Judges examine the dogs and place them in accordance to how close each dog compares with their mental image of the "perfect" dog as described in the breed's official standard. These standards include qualifications for structure, temperament and movement. In short, they describe the characteristics that allow the breed to perform the function for which it was bred.

These official written standards are maintained by each breed's national club and published in AKC's The Complete Dog Book.

The judges are experts in the breeds they are judging. They examine or "go over" each dog with their hands to see if the teeth, muscles, bones and coat texture match the standard. They examine each dog in profile for general balance, and watch each dog gait, or move, to see how all of those features fit together in action.

2015 AKC Judges

- Mrs. Robert S Forsyth, Pinehurst, North Carolina
- Mr. Steven D Gladstone, Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania
- Ms. Gloria Kerr, Sahuarita, Arizona
- Mrs. Annemarie Moore, Bartonville, Texas
- Ms. Carmen D Blankenship, Duncanville, Texas

4-6 Month Puppy Competition Judge

Ms. Gloria Kerr, Sahuarita, Arizona

Obedience & Rally Judges

- Mrs. Carol Mett, Savannah, Georgia
- Mr. Jon H Mett, Savannah, Georgia

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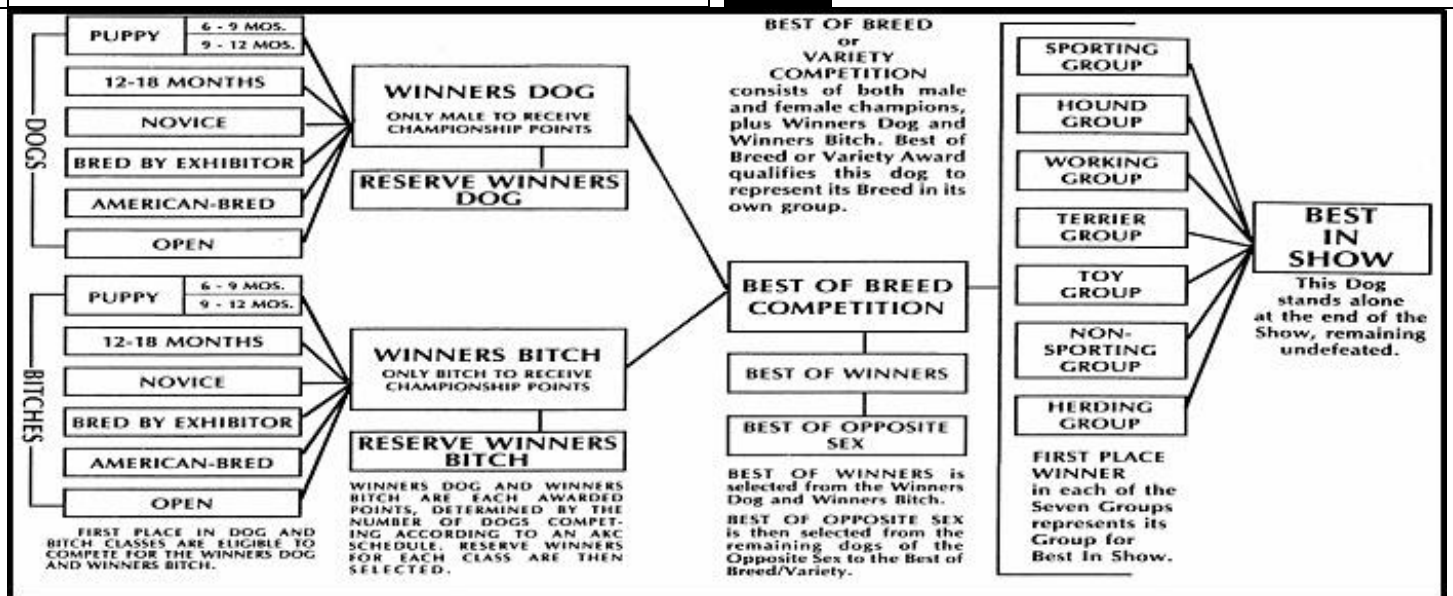
How to Approach & Pet a Dog

- Always walk slowly and quietly to the dog's owner to ask if you can pet the dog; **always ask permission.**
- If the owner says "yes," curl your hand into a closed fist with the back of your hand facing upward.
- Extend your hand slowly to the dog.
- Allow the dog to sniff the back of your hand
- Afterwards, gently pet **under the chin or on the chest** --- NEVER on the head.
- Respect a dog's space. Do not stick your face into a dogs face or poke.
- If the dog is about to go into the show ring, wait to pet the dog. Often people have spent hours grooming their dogs.

Conformation Prize Ribbons

- Blue-1st in Class Red-2nd Yellow-3rd White-4th
 - ((Blue, Red Yellow & White also used in each Group competition, yet are rosettes)
 - Purple - Winners Dog and Winners Bitch
 - Blue and White-Best of Winners
 - Purple and White - Reserve Winner
 - Purple and Gold - Best of Breed or Variety (moves to "Group" Competition)
 - Red and White - Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed
 - Light Blue and White – Select
 - Red, White, Blue Rosette – Best in Show
 - Red, Silver, Blue – Reserve Best in Show
- TROPHIES** – additional prizes/gifts offered to noted winners

AKC CHAMPION: In order to become an AKC Champion of Record a dog must obtain 15 points. Within the 15 points there must be two "major" wins.



If you have questions, locate a club member in a Green T-shirt!
More Info Online: www.ConchoKennelClub.org

The American Kennel Club was established in 1884!
www.akc.org

Be a Responsible Dog Owner

See the History of the Concho Kennel Club!
Arena Floor Entry
1911 – Present