

# Dog of the Year and Puppy of the Year Rules 2022/2023



## RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF QUEENSLAND DOG AND PUPPY OF THE YEAR COMPETITIONS IN 2022/2023

### GENERAL RULES

1. The Queensland Dog and Puppy of the Year Competitions will be sponsored, promoted and run by Dogs Queensland, commencing on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 and ending on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
2. **The Puppy and Dog of the Year Final will be judged on the weekend of 14, 15 and 16 July 2023.**
3. **In the event that a cash prize is awarded for either Competition, the prize will be awarded in the name of the Queensland resident owner/s of the winning exhibit. Where an exhibit is held in joint ownership with a current financial member of the ANKC, that member must be financial as of 1 July 2022 up to and including 16 July 2023.**
4. Finalists in both competitions will receive a memento from the Dog of the Year Committee.
5. Catalogues for the Competitions will be available for a fee.
6. For cataloging purposes, the following is required of all Finalists: i) a high resolution photo (head study only); and ii) a photocopy of the exhibits' registration.
7. The Committee is authorised to take steps to verify the eligibility of Competition finalists. Should an exhibitor or exhibit not meet all the specific criteria for eligibility, the exhibit in question will not be permitted to compete in the Competition Finals.
8. The Dog of the Year Committee reserves the right to alter any Competition rules should it be deemed necessary.
9. The Dogs Queensland Board of Directors is the final arbiter of disputed issues in respect to this Competition and exhibitors acknowledge that, by entering this Competition, they agree to be bound by the Rules and they further agree to indemnify Dogs Queensland against all claims arising from any actions associated with this Competition.

### ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

#### Dog of the Year

In order to qualify for Dog of the Year, the exhibit must reside in the State from the time that the exhibit's first result is entered into the Competition and must remain resident in the State until the Competition date.

**The exhibit must be registered to a Queensland member either solely or in partnership during this period (General Rules 3). (To reside means to physically live at the address on the Certificate of Registration. The term 'exhibitor' means owner/s, as recorded on the Certificate of Registration.)**

#### Puppy of the Year

In order to qualify for Puppy of the Year, the exhibit is to remain in residence in Queensland from the time that the exhibit's first result is entered into the Competition and must remain resident in the State until the Competition date.

The puppy must be registered to a Queensland member either solely or in partnership during this period. (General Rules 3).

### INELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

All Dog of the Year Committee Members and any other individual closely involved with the Competition or closely associated with persons involved with the Competition shall be excluded from entering at the discretion of the Dog of the Year Committee.

The decision if any person and/or exhibit should be excluded is to be decided upon the facts of each case with the final arbiter

being the Dog of the Year Committee.

The following eligibility requirements must be adhered to:

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- (a) **If an entrant is transferred during the Competition period, its results remain valid if the ownership of the dog remains valid and providing the exhibit continues to reside in Queensland.**
- (b). Any exhibit leased/transferred out of Queensland during the Competition period, or any exhibitor who moves Interstate or Overseas during the Competition period, automatically loses all entitlements to compete in Competition.
  - (i) All fees paid by an Exhibitor to enter in the Competition (including fees paid by an Exhibitor who falls under General Rules (b)), will not be refunded.
- (c). Any exhibitor who transfers to Queensland, permanently, from another Country / State will be eligible to compete:
  - (i) providing they hold current membership of Dogs Queensland:
    - a) at their permanent Queensland address; and
    - b) for the eligibility period (Refer to General Rules 1)
  - (ii) **providing the exhibit is transferred to that Queensland address and resides there, referred to in (1) for the majority of the eligibility period.**

### QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRY AS A FINALIST

1. The Dog of the Year and Puppy of the Year Competitions will be based on a points score system, administered by Show Manager.
2. To enter the points score, Exhibitors will register their exhibit for a fee of \$20 per exhibit. In order for a result to be valid, the fee must be paid up until 2 months after the commencement of the Competition. If the fee is not paid within the timeframe, the result will be invalid and will not be counted towards the points score.
3. The points score will be run as a State wide Competition, with all Shows (regardless of size or location) being given equal point allocations.
4. At the end of the Competition Year, the 'Top 10' adults in each group (1 to 7) will qualify for the Dog of the Year Competition (there will be 70 entrants in total), entry fee \$50.
5. At the end of the Competition Year, the 'Top 10' Puppies in each group (1 to 7) will qualify for the Puppy of the Year Competition (there will be 70 puppies in total), entry fee \$50.
6. For the **Dog of the Year Competition**, the following points will be allocated at any All Breeds, Group Specialty or Breed Specialty Show:
  - Best in Show: 100 points.
  - Reserve in Show: 75 points.
  - Best in Group or Group 1<sup>st</sup>: 40 points.
  - Reserve in Group or Group 2<sup>nd</sup>: 30 points.
  - Group 3<sup>rd</sup> / Group 4<sup>th</sup>: 20 points.
  - Best of Breed (15 entries or over): 15 points.
  - Best of Breed (under 15 entries): 5 points.
7. For the **Puppy of the Year Competition**, the following points will be allocated at any All Breeds, Group Specialty or Breed Specialty Show:
  - Best Minor or Puppy in Show: 50 points.
  - Best Minor or Puppy in Group: 20 points.
  - Best Minor or Puppy of Breed: 5 points.

Note: The Dog of the Year Committee reserves all rights to

include or exclude an exhibit which they feel does or does not meet any of the criteria listed within these Rules. The Dog and Puppy of the Year Events will be run in accordance with the rules and

regulations of Dogs Queensland. However, given the contrasting nature of the event to that of a normal Conformation Show, the rules can be subject to change in exceptional circumstances, at the Committee's discretion.