

Dogs Queensland Zone 3 Dog, Puppy and Neuter of the Year 2026

Rules

These Rules govern the conduct of Dogs Queensland Zone 3 Dog, Puppy and Neuter of the Year Event for 2026.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Dogs Queensland Zone 3 Dog, Puppy and Neuter of the Year Event is sponsored, promoted and run by Dogs Queensland.
- 1.2. The Event consists of three competitions, judged separately:
 - 1.2.1. Zone 3 Dog of the Year;
 - 1.2.2. Zone 3 Puppy of the Year; and
 - 1.2.3. Zone 3 Neuter of the Year.
- 1.3. The Event will be conducted on Saturday evening, 26 September 2026 at the Ingham Showgrounds, Cooper St, Ingham QLD.
- 1.4. Prizes will be awarded to the registered owner or owners of the eligible exhibit.
- 1.5. The Event will be conducted in accordance with these Rules and any applicable Dogs Queensland Rules.
- 1.6. By entering the Event, an exhibitor agrees to comply with and be bound by these Rules and any applicable Dogs Queensland Rules.
- 1.7. The Event Organiser may determine any matter relating to the interpretation or application of these Rules. The Event Organiser's decision is final.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. The Qualifying Period is 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026 inclusive.
- 2.2. To be eligible to enter, the exhibit:
 - 2.2.1. must reside in Zone 3 throughout the Qualifying Period and continue to reside in Zone 3 up to and including the date of the Event; and
 - 2.2.2. must be registered to one or more Dogs Queensland members who reside in Zone 3 throughout the Qualifying Period and up to and including the date of the Event. Where an exhibit is jointly owned, at least one registered owner must reside in Zone 3 throughout the Qualifying Period and up to and including the date of the Event.
- 2.3. An exhibit that permanently relocates to Zone 3 during the Qualifying Period is eligible from the date of relocation, provided
 - 2.3.1. it continues to reside in Zone 3 up to and including the date of the Event; and
 - 2.3.2. must be registered to one or more Dogs Queensland members who reside in Zone 3 from the date of relocation up to and including the date of the Event. Where an exhibit is jointly owned, at least one registered owner must reside in Zone 3 from the date of relocation up to and including the date of the Event.
- 2.4. An exhibit that changes ownership during the Qualifying Period remains eligible, provided it continues to satisfy these Rules.
- 2.5. An exhibit that ceases to satisfy the residency requirements for the exhibit or its registered owner before the date of the Event becomes ineligible to compete.

3. Qualification

- 3.1. Zone 3 Dog of the Year
 - 3.1.1. To qualify for the Zone 3 Dog of the Year Event, an exhibit must be awarded at least one Best in Show at an All Breeds Championship Show, Agricultural Show, Group or Multi Breed Championship Show where a Best in Show is

awarded, or a Breed or Multi Breed Specialty Championship Show conducted in Queensland during the Qualifying Period.

3.2. Zone 3 Puppy of the Year

3.2.1. To qualify for the Zone 3 Puppy of the Year Event, an exhibit must be awarded at least one Best Minor Puppy in Show or Best Puppy in Show at an All Breeds Championship Show, Agricultural Show, Group or Multi Breed Championship Show where a Best Minor Puppy in Show or Best Puppy in Show is awarded, or a Breed or Multi Breed Specialty Championship Show conducted in Queensland during the Qualifying Period.

3.2.2. An exhibit that qualifies for the Zone 3 Puppy of the Year Event remains eligible to compete, notwithstanding that it is no longer eligible to compete in a Minor Puppy or Puppy Class on the date of the Event.

3.3. Zone 3 Neuter of the Year

3.3.1. To qualify for the Zone 3 Neuter of the Year Event, an exhibit must be awarded at least one Best Neuter in Show at an All Breeds Championship Show, Agricultural Show, Group or Multi Breed Championship Show where a Best Neuter in Show is awarded, or a Breed or Multi Breed Specialty Championship Show conducted in Queensland during the Qualifying Period.

4. Entries

4.1. Entries close at 11:59pm on Sunday, 6 September 2026.

4.2. To enter the Event, exhibitors must submit an entry through Show Manager and pay an entry fee of \$30 by the advertised closing date.

4.3. Entries received after the advertised closing date will not be accepted.

4.4. The following details must be submitted to Dogs Queensland via email to DOY@dogsqueensland.org.au by the advertised closing date:

4.4.1. the exhibit's registered name, registration number and place of residence;

4.4.2. the breed of the exhibit;

4.4.3. the date of birth of the exhibit;

4.4.4. a copy of certified pedigree;

4.4.5. the name and Dogs Queensland membership number of each registered owner;

4.4.6. the name and date of the qualifying show; and

4.4.7. a head photograph of the exhibit suitable for publication.

4.5. Catalogues may be purchased through Show Manager at a cost of \$20 and must be ordered by the advertised closing date.

4.6. Entry fees are not refundable, except where permitted under the Dogs Queensland Rules.

5. Conduct of the Event

5.1. A person responsible for organising, administering or officiating at the Event is not eligible to compete in the Event.

5.2. The Event will be judged by one judge appointed by the Event Organiser.

5.3. Each competition will be conducted as a head-to-head knockout competition.

5.4. In each round, exhibits will be drawn in pairs and judged head-to-head. The exhibit selected by the judge from each pairing will progress to the next round.

5.5. Where an odd number of exhibits remain in a round, one exhibit will receive a bye and progress to the next round.

5.5.1. The bye will be determined by random draw from the eligible exhibits.

5.5.2. An exhibit that has previously received a bye is not eligible to receive another bye while an exhibit remaining in the competition has not received a bye.

- 5.6. Following the allocation of any bye, a random draw will be conducted to determine the head-to-head pairings for that round.
- 5.7. The knockout rounds will continue until three or four exhibits remain.
- 5.8. Where three exhibits remain, the three exhibits will be judged together. The judge will award:
 - 5.8.1. Second Runner Up;
 - 5.8.2. Runner Up; and
 - 5.8.3. Winner.
6. Where four exhibits remain:
 - 6.1.1. a random draw will determine the two head-to-head semi-final pairings;
 - 6.1.2. the exhibit selected by the judge from each semi-final will progress to the Final;
 - 6.1.3. the two exhibits not selected in the semi-finals will compete head-to-head, with the exhibit selected by the judge awarded Second Runner Up; and
 - 6.1.4. the two semi-final winners will compete head-to-head in the Final, with the judge awarding Runner Up and Winner.