NEW IN THE RING

(Revised rules apply from and including 01.06.2024)

Arrive with a clean and well-groomed dog in good time. Remember to visit the secretariat to show your passport or vaccination card and be given a start number.

Find a place for you and the dog, so that the dog can calm down. There are a lot of sounds and smells during an exhibition day. It is a good idea to bring a cage or blanket for the dog so that it can relax. Also remember to trust yourself. The most important thing is WATER and a water bowl for the dog.

There will likely be some waiting during such a day. In some places there is a cafeteria. If not, it's a good idea to bring some food and drink.

Around the ring there must be a free zone, there must not be cages, chairs, tents etc.

You should be able to air your dog well before it enters the ring, so that it does not lose its temper during the judging. Remember poo bags!

Pay close attention to the ring secretary in your ring, he will call out when it approaches and then when it is your turn to enter the ring. Take the dog out of the cage and get it moving, let the dog "warm up" before going into the ring.

Line up the dog as instructed by the ring secretary when you enter the ring.

Make the dog stand as still as possible and pose for the judge. "Stand up the dog" we say then. It may be a good idea to go on a handler course.

Train the dog to focus on you in the ring, during the entire assessment. (The judge tells you if/when you can rest/relax.)

The male dogs are judged first, then the bitches of the same breed.

When the dog is judged by the judge, it is judged according to the breed standard. The dogs that get exl and ck go on to best dog in their respective sexes.

When all the dogs of the same sex in your dog's breed have been judged by the judge, the judge selects which of the dogs will be number 1,2,3,4, etc.

The best dog (no. 1) in each gender goes on to the judging of best of breed (BIR) and best of opposite sex (BIM). The BOB dogs advance to the finals.

**The dogs are divided into series:**

Puppy class VK 100 series 3 – 6 months

 200 series 6 – 9 months

Junior class JK 300 series 9 – 15 months

Young dog class UK 400 series 15 – 24 months

Open class AK 500 series from 18 months

Champion class Ch.K 600 series from 24 months

Veteran class Vet.K 700 series from 8 years

Everyone with CK (champion quality) in their class will compete against each other so that the best will get BOB (best in breed), except for puppies.

Puppies 3 – 6 months can get L (Promising).

Puppies 6 – 9 months can get HP (Prize of Honor).

Those who get L/HP also compete among themselves to achieve BOB in their breed.

**Types of assessments:**

Quality assessment: The dog is assessed according to its quality in relation to the breed club's standard. Awarding after judging has nothing to do with the number of dogs. The quality is decisive, and the judge gives a written critique of which the exhibitor receives a copy.

Competition judging: The dogs in the class compete among themselves for the order after they have first qualified with Excellent and CK. Puppy must have L/HP.

**Class divisions and prize levels:**

**Puppy VK** is for dogs 3-6 months old, they are judged and get L (Promising) and dogs 6-9 months old get HP (Prize of Honor).

**Junior JK** is for dogs 9-15 months. Individual quality assessment first, then competition assessment, where 1,2,3 and 4 JK are awarded. KIP (cannot be awarded) can also be given if it is impossible for the judge to get a full impression of the dog. The dogs can compete for the junior certificate. They must obtain 3 junior certs, by 3 different judges, to obtain the title J CH (junior champion).

**Young dog UK** is for dogs 15-24 months. Individual quality assessment first, then competition assessment, where 1,2,3 and 4 UK are awarded. KIP (cannot be awarded) can also be given if it is impossible for the judge to get a full impression of the dog. The dogs can compete for a young dog certificate. They must obtain 3 young dog certificates, from 3 different judges, to obtain the title U CH (young dog champion).

**Open class AK** is open to dogs from 18 months. Individual quality assessment first, then competition assessment, where 1,2,3 and 4 AK are awarded. KIP (cannot be awarded, see young dog) can be given. The dogs can compete for a Norwegian certificate. They must obtain 3 Norwegian certificates, from 3 different judges and the last certificate after the age of 2 to become No CH (Norwegian champion). Dogs with an achieved championship are not allowed to compete in the open class.

**Champion class Ch.K** is for dogs that have achieved national championship (Norwegian ch.) Individual quality assessment first, then competition assessment, where 1,2,3 and 4 Ch.K are awarded. KIP can also be judged here (see young dog). Here you start by building up to Scandinavian Champion and/or International Champion. Once one of these championships is achieved, one can start collecting bronze, silver, gold, etc.

**Veteran Vet.K** is open to dogs over the age of 8. Individual quality assessment first, then competition assessment, where 1,2,3 and 4 Vet.K are awarded. KIP can also be judged here (see young dog). The dog can compete for a veteran certificate. They must have 3 certificates from 3 different judges, to obtain the title Vet CH (veteran champion). The veterans can also work their way up the championship ladder after they have become a veteran Ch.

**Scandinavian champion SkCh.K** is open to dogs that are approved Norwegian champions. The judge makes a quality assessment and if the dog is good, a Scandinavian certificate (SCC) can be issued. Must obtain 3 scc from Norwegian, Swedish and Danish judges.

**International champion Int.ch.K** is achieved when the dog has received at least 3 cacibs from 3 different judges, of which 1 Norwegian and 2 foreign, in at least 2 different countries. At least 366 days must elapse between the first and last cacib.

**Bronze champion Br.ch** is obtained when the dog has received at least 3 bronze certificates from 3 different judges in at least 2 different countries. At least 6 months must pass from the first to the last bronze certificate.

**Silver champion S.ch** is obtained when the dog has received at least 3 silver certificates from 3 different judges in at least 2 different countries. At least 6 months must pass from the first to the last silver certificate.

**Gold champion G.ch** is obtained when the dog has received at least 3 gold certificates from 3 different judges in at least 2 different countries. At least 6 months must pass from the first to the last gold certificate.

**Ruby champion R.ch** is obtained when the dog has received at least 3 ruby ​​certificates from 3 different judges in at least 2 different countries. At least 6 months must pass from the first to the last ruby ​​cert.

**Sapphire champion Sa.ch** is obtained when the dog has received at least 3 sapphire certificates from 3 different judges in at least 2 different countries. At least 6 months must pass from the first to the last sapphire certificate.

**Diamond champion D.ch** is obtained when the dog has received at least 3 diamond certificates from 3 different judges in at least 2 different countries. At least 6 months must pass from the first to the last diamond certificate.

**Multi champion M.ch** is obtained when the dog has received at least 3 multi champion certificates from 3 different judges in at least 2 different countries. At least 6 months must pass from the first to the last multi cert.

**THE DOG MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE NHL BEFORE THE CHAMPIONSHIP IS CALLED.**

**Group finals:** The judges judge here the groups they have assessed for quality that day. (We do not have group finals as of today, but hope to get this started when we get more members and enough dogs to show)

**BIS finals:** We have that right after each class, and the judge who judged the class also judges the BIS final.

**SUPERBIS final:** Here all the BIS winners from the show weekend meet and the judges announce a Super BIS dog. It is judged by at least 2 judges, maximum 3, based on how many rings we have had this weekend. (Here, a student judge can also be judge no. 3)

**REGISTRATION FOR THE NHL'S EXHIBITIONS IS BINDING. REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE PAID REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE DOG IS PUT DOWN.** (The only exception is if the dog is injured etc. and has a veterinary certificate)