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# **GUIDE FOR OVERSEAS JUDGES JUDGING IN NEW ZEALAND**

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## **Standards of the Breed**

Judges judging in New Zealand are expected to judge to New Zealand Kennel Club Standards. These standards are unique to New Zealand and are not the same as those used in Australia, United Kingdom or the FCI. All New Zealand Kennel Club Standards can be viewed on and downloaded from the New Zealand Kennel Club website - [www.nzkc.org.nz](http://www.nzkc.org.nz). All clubs are required, upon request, to supply a copy of the standard of the breeds being judged prior to the show and to have a copy of the standard at the ringside.

## Breeds Recognised by the New Zealand Kennel Club

### GROUP 1. TOYS

Affenpinscher  
 Australian Silky Terrier  
 Bichon Frise  
 Bolognese  
 Cavalier King Charles Spaniel  
 Chihuahua (Long Coat)  
 Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)  
 Chinese Crested Dog  
 English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan)  
 Griffon Bruxellois  
 Havanese  
 Italian Greyhound  
 Japanese Chin  
 King Charles Spaniel  
 Lowchen  
 Maltese  
 Miniature Pinscher  
 Papillon  
 Pekingese  
 Pomeranian  
 Pug  
 Yorkshire Terrier

### GROUP 2. TERRIERS

Airedale Terrier  
 American Staffordshire Terrier  
 Australian Terrier  
 Bedlington Terrier  
 Border Terrier  
 Bull Terrier  
 Bull Terrier (Miniature)  
 Cesky Terrier  
 Cairn Terrier  
 Dandie Dinmont Terrier  
 Fox Terrier (Smooth)  
 Fox Terrier (Wire)  
 German Hunting Terrier  
 Glen of Imaal Terrier  
 Irish Terrier  
 Jack Russell Terrier  
 Kerry Blue Terrier  
 Lakeland Terrier  
 Manchester Terrier  
 Norfolk Terrier  
 Norwich Terrier  
 Parson Jack Russell Terrier  
 Scottish Terrier  
 Sealyham Terrier  
 Skye Terrier  
 Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier  
 Staffordshire Bull Terrier  
 Tenterfield Terrier  
 Welsh Terrier  
 West Highland White Terrier

### GROUP 3. GUNDOGS

Brittany  
 Bracco Italiano  
 Cesky Fousek  
 German Shorthaired Pointer  
 German Wirehaired Pointer  
 Hungarian Vizsla  
 Italian Spinone  
 Lagotto  
 Large Munsterlander  
 Pointer  
 Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)  
 Retriever (Curly Coated)  
 Retriever (Flat-coated)  
 Retriever (Golden)  
 Retriever (Labrador)  
 Retriever (Nova Scotia)  
 Duck Tolling)  
 Setter (English)  
 Setter (Gordon)  
 Setter (Irish)  
 Setter (Irish Red & White)  
 Spaniel (Clumber)  
 Spaniel (Cocker)  
 Spaniel (Cocker. American)  
 Spaniel (Field)  
 Spaniel (Irish. Water)  
 Spaniel (Springer. English)  
 Spaniel (Sussex)  
 Spanish Water Dog  
 Weimaraner

### GROUP 4. HOUNDS

Afghan Hound  
 Basenji  
 Basset Fauve de Bretagne  
 Basset Hound  
 Beagle  
 Bluetick Coonhound  
 Bloodhound  
 Borzoi  
 Dachshund (Long Haired)  
 Dachshund (Smooth Haired)  
 Dachshund (Wire Haired)  
 Dachshund (Miniature Long Haired)  
 Dachshund (Miniature Smooth Haired)  
 Dachshund (Miniature Wire Haired)  
 Deerhound  
 Elkhound  
 Finnish Spitz  
 Foxhound  
 Greyhound  
 Hamiltonstovare  
 Harrier  
 Ibizan Hound  
 Irish Wolfhound  
 Otter Hound  
 Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen  
 Pharaoh Hound  
 Rhodesian Ridgeback  
 Saluki or Gazelle Hound  
 Sloughi  
 Whippet

### GROUP 5. WORKING DOGS

Anatolian Shepherd Dog  
 Australian Cattle Dog  
 Australian Kelpie  
 Australian Shepherd  
 Bearded Collie  
 Belgian Shepherd (Groenendael)  
 Belgian Shepherd (Laekenois)  
 Belgian Shepherd (Malinois)  
 Belgian Shepherd (Tervueren)  
 Bergamasco Shepherd Dog  
 Border Collie  
 Bouvier des Flandres  
 Briard  
 Collie (Rough)  
 Collie (Smooth)  
 Finnish Lapphund  
 German Shepherd Dog  
 Hungarian Puli  
 Komondor  
 Kuvasz  
 Maremma Sheepdog  
 Norwegian Buhund  
 Old English Sheepdog  
 Polish Lowland Sheepdog  
 Pumi  
 Shetland Sheepdog  
 Stumpy-Tail Cattle Dog  
 Swedish Lapphund  
 Swedish Vallhund  
 Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)

### GROUP 6. UTILITY

Akita  
 Alaskan Malamute  
 Bernese Mountain Dog  
 Black Russian Terrier  
 Boxer  
 Bullmastiff  
 Canadian Eskimo Dog  
 Central Asian Shepherd  
 Dobermann  
 Dogue de Bordeaux  
 Estrella  
 Fila Brasileiro  
 German Pinscher  
 Italian Corso Dog  
 Japanese Akita  
 Kangal Dog  
 Leonberger  
 Mastiff  
 Neapolitan Mastiff  
 Newfoundland  
 Portuguese Water Dog  
 Pyrenean Mastiff  
 Pyrenean Mountain Dog  
 Rottweiler  
 Saint Bernard  
 Samoyed  
 Schnauzer  
 Schnauzer (Giant)  
 Schnauzer (Miniature)  
 Shiba Inu

### GROUP 7. NON-SPORTING

Boston Terrier  
 Bulldog  
 Canaan Dog  
 Chow Chow  
 Dalmatian  
 Eurasier  
 French Bulldog  
 German Spitz (Klein)  
 German Spitz (Mittel)  
 Great Dane  
 Japanese Spitz  
 Keeshond  
 Lhasa Apso  
 Peruvian Hairless (Small)  
 Peruvian Hairless (Medium)  
 Peruvian Hairless (Large)  
 Poodle (Miniature)  
 Poodle (Standard)  
 Poodle (Toy)  
 Schipperke  
 Shar Pei  
 Shih Tzu  
 Tibetan Spaniel  
 Tibetan Terrier

Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)

Siberian Husky  
Tibetan Mastiff

# EXTRACTS FROM NEW ZEALAND KENNEL CLUB SHOW REGULATIONS

(Numbers are the Show Regulation Numbers)

## 4. JUDGES AND JUDGING APPOINTMENTS

**4.6** All overseas Judges require prior approval of the Executive Council. The procedure for obtaining approval is as follows:-

**4.6.1** All Judges resident in Australia shall be approved to judge at Championship and Open Shows in New Zealand if they are listed on the latest Australian National Kennel Council Official Judges Listing as eligible to award Challenges for the breeds to be judged and to judge the Groups or Best in Show (if appropriate) by naming them in the Official Schedule submitted for approval in accordance with these regulations. If they are not so listed then specific approval must be sought by applying in writing at least six months prior to the show. In exceptional cases late applications can be made.

**4.6.2** For all other Judges, application must be made in writing at least six months prior to the show. In exceptional cases late applications can be made.

Note Overseas judges are only permitted to judge at Open Shows for Specialist breed clubs. To gain this approval they must be acknowledged specialists in the breed. In no circumstances are overseas judges permitted to judge at Ribbon Parades

**4.7** No Judge may be timetabled to judge more than 250 dogs per day at any show or shows. This limitation will also apply to dogs entered in Stakes and Classes under the same judge where the judge has not already judged the dog in a previous class. Save for the National Dog Show, under no circumstances, will approval be given by the New Zealand Kennel Club for any Judge to be timetabled to judge more than 250 dogs per day. Any dogs entered at a show or shows in excess of this figure for any one Judge must be allotted to another Judge, the appointment of any such additional Judge to the show to be approved by the New Zealand Kennel Club prior to the date of the show. this regulation does not apply to Agility Fixtures

**4.8** At any Championship or Open Show a Judge may only accept additional appointments for the same breeds or groups already accepted in the same Island and within a radius of 325 kilometres during the period of three calendar months either side of the date of a Championship or Open Show already accepted if prior to acceptance he obtains the consent of both Societies concerned to the acceptance of such additional appointment.

**4.9** The New Zealand Kennel Club Judging Contract form must be used by all clubs for invitations to judge at Championship Shows, Open Shows, Ribbon Parades, Obedience Tests, Obedience Open Trials, Obedience Ribbon Trials, Agility Events and Agility Ribbon Trials in New Zealand. Contracts for overseas Judges to judge in New Zealand should be made directly with the Judge concerned by correspondence and are subject to the Judge being approved to judge in New Zealand.

**4.13** When judging a neutered dog in classes for which they are eligible the provision in every standard stating "Note: Male dogs should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum" shall not apply.

## 6. DEFINITIONS OF BREED CLASSES PERMITTED AT ALL BREED, GROUP, MULTI-BREED AND SPECIALIST CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AND OPEN SHOWS.

### 6.1 BREED CLASSES

**6.1.1** No dog may be shown at a Recognised Show under the age of three months.

**6.1.2** In estimating the number of prizes won, all wins previous to the midnight preceding the day specified in the Schedule for closing entries shall be counted when entering for any class.

**6.1.3** Definitions and class identifying number.

Dog Classes state number only; Bitch Classes state the number followed by 'a'.

Class No. 1: 'Baby Puppy Dog' - No. 1a 'Baby Puppy Bitch' (For dogs or bitches three and under six months of age, on the first day of the show).

Class No. 2: 'Minor Puppy Dog' - No. 2a 'Minor Puppy Bitch' (For dogs or bitches six and under nine months of age on the first day of the show).

Class No. 3: 'Puppy Dog' - No. 3a 'Puppy Bitch' (For dogs or bitches six and under twelve months of age on the first day of the show).

Class No. 4: 'Novice Dog' - No. 4a 'Novice Bitch' (For Novice dogs that have not won a first prize except in a Baby Puppy Class under six months of age at any Open or Championship Show, up to the time of closing of general entries at any Recognised Show whatsoever).

Class No. 5: 'Junior Dog' - No. 5a 'Junior Bitch' (For dogs or bitches twelve and

- under twenty four months of age on the first day of the show).
- Class No. 6: 'Intermediate Dog' - No. 6a 'Intermediate Bitch' (For dogs or bitches twenty four months of age and under thirty six months of age on the first day of the show).
- Class No. 7: 'Limit Dog' - No. 7a 'Limit Bitch' (For dogs or bitches which have not won more than four Challenge Certificates up to the time of closing of general entries at any Recognised Championship Show. Overseas Champions cannot compete in Limit Class in New Zealand).
- Class No. 8: 'New Zealand Bred Dog' - 'New Zealand Bred Bitch' (Open to any dogs or bitches born in New Zealand).
- Class No. 9: 'Stud Dog' (For dogs which have sired one or more registered litters) - No. 9a 'Brood Bitch' (For bitches which have whelped one or more registered litters).
- Class No. 10: 'Veteran Dog' - No. 10a 'Veteran Bitch' (For dogs or bitches seven years or over on the first day of the show).
- Class No. 11: 'Open Dog' - No 11a 'Open Bitch' (for any dogs or bitches over the age of four months) The above class identification numbers for breed classes for dogs and bitches must be used on Show Schedules, to identify the breed class.

## 7. DEFINITIONS OF STAKES CLASSES PERMITTED AT ALL BREED, GROUP, MULTI-BREED AND SPECIALIST CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AND OPEN SHOWS.

### 7.1 General.

- 7.1.1** Clubs may only hold the Stakes Classes permitted under these Regulations at any Recognised Show.
- 7.1.2** Unless specifically exempted all dogs entered into a Stakes Class must be entered into a breed class. Neutered Dogs and Spayed bitches exhibited at Championship Shows are specifically exempted from the provisions of this sub-clause. At Championship shows where Obedience Tests are also scheduled it is not necessary for a dog to be entered in a breed class to compete in an obedience test.
- 7.1.3** Any Stakes Class may be divided by either age, sex or variety but under no circumstances will the winners of each division be permitted to compete for a Best of Stakes.
- 7.1.8** The club when contracting an overseas judge to officiate in a Stakes Class must forward a list of all Stakes Classes to be judged at the time of issuing the invitation.

### 7.2 Standard Stakes Classes.

#### A. Imported

For dogs bred outside New Zealand.

#### B. New Zealand Bred

For dogs bred in New Zealand

#### C. Local

For dogs residing within a radius of 55 kilometres of the show.

#### D. Visitors

For dogs residing outside a radius of 55 kilometres of the show.

#### E. Members

For dogs belonging to current financial members of the club only.

#### F. Field Trial

For dogs which have won prizes, awards of honour, diplomas of merit or certificates of merit in actual competition at a Field Trial held under the rules of the New Zealand Gundog Trial Association, such class to be judged on conformation only.

#### G. Retrieving Trial

Open to any Gundog as listed under these regulations, and may be of a single or double bird retrieve on land as defined by the New Zealand Gundog Trial Association.

#### H. Brace

For two exhibits (either sex or mixed) of one breed or variety belonging to the same exhibitor either wholly or in co-ownership and handled by one handler.

#### I. Team Class

For three or more exhibits (either sex or mixed) of one breed or variety belonging to the same exhibitor either wholly or in co-ownership.

**J. Bred and Owned**

For two or more exhibits which must have been bred by and currently owned by the exhibitor.

**K. Parent and Progeny**

Not less than three, excluding sire or dam to enter this class. The sire or dam if over the age of seven years need not have been entered in any breed class.

**L. Lineage**

To include a minimum of five and not more than eight exhibits, one to be a grandparent, at least two to be the direct offspring of that exhibit and the remainder to be the issue of one or more of the aforementioned offspring. Any exhibit, if over the age of seven years need not have been entered in any breed class.

**M. Breeders Stakes**

Open to Breeders of any one breed, three to a maximum of five dogs or bitches not necessarily owned by the breeder but must carry the one kennel name. Any exhibit, if over the age of seven years need not have been entered in any breed class.

**N. Group Stakes**

Group Stakes may be held at Group or All Breed Shows. A Group Stake may be included in a show schedule only if an equivalent breed class is held.

**O. All Breed Stakes**

All Breed Stakes may be held at All Breed Shows. All Breed Stakes with the exception of Baby Puppy Sweepstakes may not be held at Championship Shows unless the club appoints at least two judges to officiate and an equivalent breed class is held.

**P. Baby Puppy Sweepstakes**

Clubs may hold a Baby Puppy Sweepstakes for puppies three to six months which can be judged concurrently with the remainder of the show or at any other time during the show that the committee may decide on.

**Q. Champion Stakes**

For dogs that are qualified to hold the title Champion.

The dog if over the age of seven years need not have been entered in any breed class.

**R. Grand Champion Stakes**

For dogs that are qualified to hold the title Grand Champion. The dog if over the age of seven years need not have been entered in any breed class.

**S. Veteran Stakes**

**T. Neutered Dogs.** For Neutered Dogs.

**U. Spayed Bitches.** For Spayed Bitches.

For dogs over the age of seven years. The dog need not have been entered in any breed class.

**7.3 Stake Classes Based on Physical Attributes.**

Specialist Breed Clubs may hold Stake Classes based on sex, variety, height, weight and/or anatomical, coat and/or colour descriptions. Any such class must be judged on the description only as defined in the New Zealand Kennel Club Standard for that breed. A dog if over the age of seven years need not have been entered in any breed class.

**7.4 Condition And Presentation Classes.**

Other classes permitted to be held are:-

Coursing condition, hunting condition, personality, grooming, presentation, racing condition and show condition.

The manner of adjudicating classes in this section will be at the sole discretion of the judge.

**7.5 Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches at Championship Shows.**

A Neutered dog or Spayed bitch can be exhibited in any stake class for which they are eligible at any Championship Show. This clause shall not permit the exhibition of Neutered Dogs or Spayed Bitches in any Breed Class at any Championship Show.

**7.7 Other Permitted Classes.**

A club may apply to the Executive Council to hold any further classes.

**7.8 Handler Classes.**

Handler Classes can be held at any show without prior scheduling.

**7.9 Parades Displays And Other Exhibitions.**

Parades, Displays and other Exhibitions are permitted at shows provided no judging takes place at these events.

## 8. JUNIOR DOG HANDLER CLASS

- 8.1** This class will be for young persons twelve years of age and under seventeen years of age on the day of the show. The conditions under which Junior Dog Handler Class will be held at Recognised Shows only are that the Judge will consider:-
- (i) The ability of the handler to control the exhibit.
  - (ii) The ability of the handler in 'setting up' the dog as an exhibit.
  - (iii) The ability of the handler to 'gait' the dog at a desirable pace for the Judge.
  - (iv) The dress and ring demeanour of the handler.
- 8.2** The quality of the dog will not be taken into account by the Judge.
- 8.3** Junior Dog Handler Class may be judged by a person or persons other than a Judge on the official list of Judges for the particular Recognised Show.
- 8.4** Child handler class for children aged seven and under twelve years may be organised by clubs under conditions laid down by the club.
- 8.5** There will be no levy payable to New Zealand Kennel Club for Handler Classes.
- 8.6** Any National Junior Dog Handler Competition shall be conducted under special regulations set by the Executive Council for the conduct of such competition.

## 10. SHOW ENTRY

- 10.11** A dog may be entered in one breed class only at Championship Shows conducted by All Breed and Group Clubs. Unless otherwise stated in the schedule a dog may be entered in more than one class at Championship Shows conducted by Multi-Breed and by Specialist Breed Clubs, or at Open Shows and Ribbon Parades conducted by any club.
- 10.16** The entry forms for all neutered dogs and spayed bitches at any Open show or Championship Show shall be endorsed with the letter "D" (denoting "d-sexed") after the NZKC Registered number.

## 11. LIST OF BREEDS FOR JUDGE

As soon as possible but within two weeks of the closing of entries the Show Secretary shall forward to each judge appointed to officiate at the show a list of breeds in respect of which entries have been received, together with the number of dogs entered in each breed.

## 12. JUDGING TIMETABLES

- 12.1** All exhibitors at All Breed, Group and Multi-breed Club Championship and Open Shows must be sent a judging timetable, giving a reporting time for each Group or Breed. A list of breeds in the order of judging together with the number of entries in each breed is to be included in the timetable. At any other show where the time for commencing of judging is not included in the schedule exhibitors must be informed of the same.
- 12.2** The order in which breeds are judged may only be changed under exceptional circumstances arising beyond the control of the club conducting the show and at the discretion of the Show Manager.

## 13. JUDGING ORDER

Judging at Championship Shows and Open Shows must take place strictly in the following order:-

- 13.1** The breed classes for dogs will be judged in the numerical order as presently laid down in Regulation 6 hereof, At the conclusion of Judging Class 11, Open Dog, the unbeaten winners of the breed classes for dogs will be presented to the Judge for the judging of Best Dog then the second placed dog in the class from which the winner came will be brought in to compete with the remaining Class winners for Reserve Best Dog. After the Judge has selected his winners, but not before, he may (if appropriate) award a Challenge Certificate, and if the case merits it, a Reserve Challenge Award.
- 13.2** The breed classes for bitches will then be judged in exactly the same order as detailed above for dogs. After the Judge has selected his winners but not before, he may (if appropriate) award a Challenge Certificate, and if the case merits it, a Reserve Challenge Award.
- 13.3** After judging of Best Bitch and Reserve Best Bitch, the Judge will then judge Best of Breed, followed by Reserve Best of Breed, followed by the remainder of all scheduled classes in ascending numerical order excluding classes 9 and 9A which are not judged against each other.
- 13.4** The judging of Best of Group etc, will be judged at the conclusion of judging in the following order: - Best of Group and Reserve Best of Group, followed by the Best of Group for all scheduled classes in ascending numerical order.
- 13.5** Any Best of Variety Awards for Breeds in a particular Group will be judged after the conclusion of judging Best of Group etc., as detailed in sub-paragraph 13.4 above. The judging of Group Stakes will follow the judging of any Best of Variety Awards for breeds in the respective Group.

- Group Stakes will be judged as detailed above.
- 13.6** The judging of Best in Show etc. will take place at the conclusion of judging in the last Group in the Show and will be judged in the following order: - Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show, followed by the Best in Show for all scheduled classes in ascending numerical order.
  - 13.7** Winners of Best or Reserve Best of Breed, Group and in Show level are automatically winners of their particular class (if applicable).
  - 13.8** There will be no award of Best Opposite Sex at any Championship Show.
  - 13.9** The provisions relating to judging order shall apply to the New Zealand Kennel Club's National Dog Show.

#### 14. RING EQUIPMENT

- 14.1** Breed Standards. A copy of the New Zealand Kennel Club Official Standards of the Breeds for every breed being judged by each judge must be available in the ring for the judges reference at the time of judging.
- 14.2** Tables. In every ring of a Championship or Open Show where a judge is entitled to ask for an exhibit to be tabled the Show Committee shall provide a stable table, with a non-slip surface of a suitable size. Under no circumstances shall it be permissible for two rings to share a table whilst judging is proceeding in both rings.
- 14.3** Any Society conducting a Championship Show which includes the judging of Poodles shall have available at the ringside for the use of the judge an official bridge type measure as approved and issued by the New Zealand Kennel Club and shall provide a level hard surface for the measuring of Poodles.

#### 15. SHOW CATALOGUES

- 15.2** In the case of all Championship Shows catalogues shall include the following details:
  - (i) Registered name of dog.
  - (ii) Registered number of dog. Neutered Dogs and Spayed bitches shall be designated with the letter "D" (denoting "de-sexed") after their number.
  - (iii) Sex of dog.
  - (iv) Date of birth of dog.
  - (v) Sire and dam of dog.
  - (vi) Name of Breeder(s).
  - (vii) Name(s) and address and New Zealand Kennel Club Membership Number(s) of owner(s) of dog.
- 15.7** Clubs must within 14 days of the date of the show forward to each of the judges officiating at the show marked catalogue detailing results and details of Challenges and awards made by that judge.

#### 17. PREPARATION OF DOGS FOR EXHIBITION

- 17.1** A dog shall be disqualified from winning or receiving a prize at any show held under New Zealand Kennel Club Rules, if it be proved to the Committee of the Show or the Executive Council of the New Zealand Kennel Club as the case may be:
  - 17.1.1** That any dye, colouring, tinting, darkening, bleaching, or other matter has been used for the purpose of lacquering or improving the colour, marking or texture of the coat of a dog.
  - 17.1.2** That any cutting, piercing, breaking by force or any kind of operation or act which destroys the tissue of the ears, or colour, or alters the anatomical formation or colour of the dog, or in any part thereof has been practised or anything done calculated in the opinion of the Executive Council of the New Zealand Kennel Club to deceive except in cases of necessary operation which must be certified by a qualified veterinary surgeon. Dew claws may be removed in appropriate breeds, and shortening the tails of dogs where called for in the Standard of the Breeds currently recognised by New Zealand Kennel Club, will not render them liable to disqualification.
- 17.2** Any dog which is suspected of having been prepared for exhibition in contravention of the above regulations may be required to be produced before a Regional Disputes Committee of the New Zealand Kennel Club convened by the President for that purpose which shall have power under this regulation to detain dogs at the expense of the New Zealand Kennel Club for further examination.

#### 18. DRESS OF EXHIBITORS

- 18.1** Any exhibitor whose dress is considered by the Show Manager to be inappropriate or unreasonable may be barred from the ring. No exhibitor will be permitted into the Show Ring with bare feet.
- 18.2** Exhibitors must display only one number in the ring. The number must be fairly large and must be legible. Judges will be instructed to refuse to judge where two visible numbers are worn.

#### 19. EXHIBITION OF DOGS

- 19.1 Weighing of Miniature Dachshunds**
- 19.1.1** At all Championship Shows Miniature Dachshunds will be weighed in the assembly area or immediately adjacent to the entry to the ring by the ring steward, the show manager or their representative immediately prior to entry in the ring for judging on a class by class basis. The official weighing the exhibits shall advise the judge of any over-weight exhibits.
- 19.1.2** **19.1.2** Weighing shall be conducted on a weighing machine with a weight tray on which a Miniature Dachshund is capable of standing naturally. The scales shall be of a mechanical or digital manufacture and shall be checked prior to weighing against a standard 5.00 kg weight. It is the responsibility of the club conducting the show to provide scales in accordance with this regulation.
- 19.1.3** The scales shall be placed either on the ground on a stable hard flat surface (not grass) or on a stable table large enough to hold the scales in a stable position.
- 19.1.4** The judge shall advise any exhibitors whose dog is over the weight of 5.00 kgs. The Judge may request that any such dog be re-weighed in their presence.
- 19.1.5** The judge shall have discretion at any time to disqualify any dog that is found to be overweight at the time of weighing. To be declared overweight a dog must weigh more than 5.00 kg.
- 19.2 Height of Toy and Miniature Poodles**
- 19.2.1** Before awarding a Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge award at a Championship Show to a Toy or Miniature Poodle, the judge may measure the exhibit with the appropriate measure on an approved surface.
- 19.2.2** Any Toy Poodle which is measured pursuant to 19.2.1 above and found to be not under 28 cms in height at the shoulder or any Miniature Poodle which is measured pursuant to 19.2.1 hereof and found to be not under 38 cms in height at the shoulder may not be awarded any Challenge award.
- 19.2.3** The owner of the dog as well as the handler on the day of the Show may be present at the measuring which shall be conducted by and at the discretion of the judge whose decision shall be final.
- 19.3 Dogs Owned Or Shown By Judges**
- 19.3.1** No dog may be exhibited at any show under any judges except Obedience shows. Working Trials and Agility fixtures under New Zealand Kennel Club Rules and Regulations if...
- 19.3.1.1** Owned and/or bred the dog within a period of nine months prior to the date of the show.
- 19.3.1.2** Shown the dog in the judging ring at a show, or received, or become entitled to receive any monetary or other reward for grooming, trimming, or tending the dog(with the exception of veterinary treatment) within a period of three months prior to the date of the show.
- 19.7 Late Arrival For Judging.**  
With the exception of a dog elevated pursuant to clause 19.15.1, no dog will be allowed to enter the ring for judging of the class the dog is entered in after the class has been assembled and passed by the Judges Steward to the Judge to commence judging.
- 19.8 Double Handling**  
The practice of attracting the attention of a dog from outside the ring is prohibited and judges should take any such conduct into account when making their awards in judging, except at a German Shepherd Dog Specialist Breed Championship Show where a dog is standing for the individual critique and only with the approval of the club and judge concerned.
- 19.9 Distracting Attention of Exhibits**  
Persons in or near the vicinity of the ring, are prohibited from deliberately distracting the attention of other exhibits in the ring.
- 19.11 Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches**  
Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches are disqualified from being shown in Breed Classes at Championship Shows. A certificate of a veterinary inspector appointed by the show committee will be accepted as conclusive evidence in the event of a protest being lodged.
- 19.13 Exclusion of Dogs**
- 19.13.1** A Show Committee or Show Manager shall have power to exclude or remove from the show grounds any dog which is owing to disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, not in a fit state for exhibition.
- 19.13.2.** An officiating judge shall have the power to exclude or remove from the ring any dog which is, owing to disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, not in a fit stat for exhibition. Any such exclusion is to be noted immediately on the Judges Award Record Card and initialled by both the Judge and Ring Steward.

#### **19.14** Withdrawal from Competition

##### **19.14.2** Withdrawal from competition on day of the show.

**19.14.2.1** A dog after competing in any class at any show may be withdrawn from competition only with the permission of the Show Manager who shall consider each case in accordance with the following conditions:-

- (i) If a replacement judge is called upon to adjudicate, or if after the commencement of judging the appointed judge is unable to continue.
- (ii) If the dog suffers some injury or illness which prevents it from being exhibited.
- (iii) If, through and emergency beyond the control of the exhibitor that could not be foreseen by the exhibitor at the time of their arrival at the show, the exhibitor is unable to continue competition or is required to leave the show prior to judging.

**19.14.2.6** A dog which is withdrawn from competition without permission of the Show Manager will forfeit all prizes and awards won at the show.

##### **19.14.3** Withdrawal from stakes classes.

A dog may be withdrawn from any Stake Class without the Show Manager's permission and without affecting its position in any other class.

#### **19.15** Disqualifications

**19.15.1** A dog which is not shown in all classes in which it is entered or eligible to compete by virtue of prior awards will be disqualified from winning any prize or award at the show. A dog will not be deemed absent from a class until the class has been assembled and is about to be passed over by the Judges Steward for the judge to commence judging. At this stage any disqualification can be made and the elevation of a lower placed dog will take effect.

**19.15.2** Any dog shown and judged in an incorrect class will be disqualified and will become ineligible to compete in any further class at that show. In the case of a dog entered in a correct class but shown and judged in an incorrect class due to some act or omission by an official of the Society conducting the show or person or persons acting on behalf of that Society, then any placings of classes affected or any awards may be adjusted if practicable, by the Show Manager, provided however, that in no circumstances shall any class or award be rejudged.

**19.15.3** After a dog has been disqualified a lower placed dog will only be elevated in the following circumstances:-

**19.15.3.1** Where the disqualified dog also won the challenge in which case the Reserve Challenge winner, if any, will become eligible for the Challenge and to compete for Best of Breed if applicable.

**19.15.3.2** Where the disqualified dog was awarded Best of Breed in which case the Reserve of Breed winner, if any, will be elevated to Best of Breed and become eligible to compete for Best of Group if applicable.

**19.15.3.3** Where the disqualified dog was awarded Best of Group in which case the Reserve of Group winner, if any, will be elevated to Best of Group and become eligible to compete for Best in Show if applicable.

**19.15.3.4** Where the disqualified dog was awarded Best in Show in which case the Reserve Best in Show winner, if any, will be elevated to Best in Show.

#### **19.16** Monorchid Or Cryptorchid Dogs

**19.16.1** In the case where a Judge discovers a dog over the age of six months is either a monorchid or cryptorchid whilst judging, the Judge should immediately inform the exhibitor and report the dog to the Judge's Steward who shall report the details to the Show Secretary.

## **20. JUDGES AWARD RECORD CARD**

At Championship and Open Shows conducted by All Breeds and Group Clubs, only the official New Zealand Kennel Club Judges Award Record Card may be used. However, the use of the official New Zealand Kennel Club Judges Award Record Card will be optional for Championship and Open Shows conducted by Multi-Breed and Specialist Breed Clubs.

## **21 JUDGES DECISION**

**21.1** A Judge's decision shall be deemed to be final at the termination of his judging the class, except in a case of fraud or misrepresentation.

- 21.2** A Judge shall be empowered to withhold any award, prize, or special prize if, in his opinion, there is lack of sufficient merit, but he must initial the Stewards entry on the Judges Award Record Card that the award, prize or special prize has been withheld.
- 21.3** Any alteration made by a Judge must be initialled by him, on the Judges Award Record Card.
- 21.4** Subject to Show Regulation 21.5 hereunder no Judge shall give any commentary, spoken or written on any dog exhibited under him at a Show during the course of that particular Show.
- 21.5** Where a Judge is the sole Judge at a Recognised Show conducted by a Specialist Breed Club a written or spoken commentary may be given by him on dogs exhibited under him in the course of the show provided:
  - 21.5.1** The request to give a commentary is made by the club when the invitation to judge the show is issued.
  - 21.5.2** The Judge is completely free to accept or decline such invitation so that giving a commentary shall not be a condition of appointment to judge.
  - 21.5.3** Where a Judge has agreed to give a commentary such information be published in the Show Schedule.

## **25. REPORTING OF FRAUDULENT OR DISCREDITABLE CONDUCT**

The Committee of the fixture must immediately report any case of fraudulent or discreditable conduct which may come under its notice to the Director/Secretary of the New Zealand Kennel Club.

## APPENDIX 1

Town	Average Temperatures			
	Max Jan	Max July	Min Jan	Min July
<b>North Island</b>				
Dargaville	24	19	15	11
Auckland	23	19	14	11
Hamilton	24	18	14	8
Rotorua	23	18	12	8
Gisborne	24	19	14	9
Taupo	24	17	11	7
New Plymouth	21	17	13	9
Napier	24	19	13	9
Wanganui	22	18	13	9
Palmerston North	22	17	12	8
Masterton	24	17	12	8
Wellington	20	16	11	8
<b>South Island</b>				
Nelson	22	17	12	7
Westport	20	16	12	8
Hokitika	19	15	12	7
Blenheim	24	18	12	7
Christchurch	2	17	10	6
Timaru	21	16	10	5
Dunedin	19	15	10	6
Gore	21	15	9	5
Invercargill	18	14	9	5

## Section Twenty Nine

### POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING JUDGING

Between Animal Activist Groups and politicians, the pressures placed on dog ownerships throughout the world, has brought about changes in some breed standards.

Despite being banned by law in numerous countries, Ear Cropping is an acceptable practice throughout America, Asia and parts of Europe. Cropped ears certainly alter the visual perception of the dog, some believe positively and other negatively. It is simply something you will settle into once you commence your appointment.

Tail Docking is the issue of concern currently and Australia has recently joined the list of countries that have banned tail docking. New Zealand breeders and owners are strongly fighting the proposed ban.

**The best advice is to simply try and ignore what the tail does AFTER the position you would normally expect the tail to end.**

The Kennel Club (UK), have issued instructions on what breeders consider a traditionally docked dogs' tail should look like. These have caused considerable debate and you will appreciate that after hundreds of years of docking, very few will actually know exactly what a full length tail would look like on some breeds.

Breeders are also finding that they are experiencing some litters with kinked or twisted tails? There is no advice given on what a judge should do when confronted with such a tail, but if you follow the advice above and perhaps ignore the excess length.