

Dog of the Year and Puppy of the Year Rules 2017/2018



RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF QUEENSLAND DOG AND PUPPY OF THE YEAR COMPETITIONS IN 2017/2018

GENERAL RULES

1. The Queensland Dog and Puppy of the Year Competitions will be sponsored, promoted and run by Dogs Queensland, commencing on Friday, 1st September 2017 and ending on Friday, 31st August 2018. The Puppy and Dog of the Year Final will be judged on Friday 19th October 2018 and Saturday 20th October 2018 starting at 6:30pm.
2. All finalists are requested to provide a high resolution photo (head study only), a photocopy of the registration of the exhibit and the name and date of the qualifying show for cataloguing prior to 28th September. All finalists will be contacted by the secretary of the Dog of the Year Committee.
3. The major prize for Dog of the Year is not transferable and 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 a recognised member body of the ANKC, that member must be financial as of 1st September 2017 up to and including 20th October 2018.
4. The major prize for Puppy of the Year is determined by Sponsorship, varying from year to year. The major prize will be applied as for Dog of the Year, General Rules 3.
5. Each Competition Finalist will receive a memento from the Dog of the Year Committee.
6. Catalogues for the Competition Finals will be available for a fee.
7. The Dog of the Year Committee reserves the right to alter any and all competition rules should it be deemed necessary, subject to the approval of the Dogs Queensland Board of Directors.
8. The Committee is authorised to take steps to verify the eligibility of competition finalists. Should an exhibitor or exhibit not meet all the specified criteria for eligibility, the exhibit in question will not be permitted to compete in the Competition Finals.
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 and all 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 by 31st May 2018, must remain resident in the State until 20th October 2018 and 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

To qualify for Puppy of the Year, the puppy must be registered to a Queensland member and resident either solely or in partnership (General Rules 3). The puppy is to remain in residence in Queensland from the time of qualifying until 20th October 2018.

Therefore the following will be ineligible to compete in the Queensland Dog and Puppy of the Year Competitions in 2017/2018:

General

- (a) If a qualifying exhibit is transferred during the qualifying period, the award stays with the exhibit providing it continues to reside in Queensland.
- (b) Any exhibit leased/transferred out of Queensland in a qualifying year, or any exhibitor who moves Interstate or Overseas, automatically loses all entitlement to compete in the State Finals.

- (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 referred to in (i) for the majority of the eligibility period.

INELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

The purpose of this section is both to ensure fair and equitable competition for all entrants as well as to illustrate this fact to all of the dog world. In order to ensure equitable treatment for all potential exhibitors Dogs Queensland directs that its Board of Directors, Dog of the Year Committee, Major Sponsors and their employees and any other individual closely involved with the competitions or closely associated with persons involved with the competitions shall be excluded from entering at the discretion of the Dog of the Year Committee.

Therefore the following will be ineligible to compete in the Queensland Dog and Puppy of the Year Competitions in 2017/ 2018:

- (a) all Dogs Queensland Board members;
- (b) all Dog of the Year Committee members;
- (c) all employees of Dogs Queensland;
- (d) all Major Sponsors or any of their employees;
- (e) any person residing in the same household with any of those persons nominated in (a) to (d) above;
- (f) overseas or interstate exhibitors unless they are permitted to compete under these General
- (g) Rules; and any other individual closely involved with the competitions or closely associated with persons involved with the competitions.

Note: (g) will be at the discretion of the Dog of the Year Committee

Although not eligible to compete, recognition in the catalogue and acceptance of memento for any qualifier owned by any members in (a) to (g) above is acceptable. The decision if any person nominated in (a) to (g) above should be excluded is to be decided upon the facts of each case with the final arbiter being the Dog of the Year Committee. In respect to (d) to (g) a person appealing to be allowed to enter may have to prove their standing by correspondence or such other evidence as is required from Major Sponsors, employers or such other appropriate persons.

QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRY AS A FINALIST

10. Any All Breeds Championship Show, Agricultural Show or Group Championship Show held in Queensland.
11. To qualify for Dog of the Year you have to win Best in Show at any All Breeds Championship Show, Agricultural Show or Group Championship Show held in Queensland.
12. To qualify for Puppy of the Year, you have to win Puppy in Show (from Puppy Class entry) or Minor Puppy in Show (from Minor Puppy Class entry) at any All Breeds Championship Show, Agricultural Show or Group Championship Show held in Queensland.
13. All rules under the General Rules apply.
14. For cataloguing purposes, the following is required of the qualifying exhibit:
 - High resolution photo (head study only)
 - Photocopy of exhibit's registration
 - Owner's name
 - Breed of exhibit
 - Date of Birth of exhibit

15. 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.