

# DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES

*(Vide Kennel Club Regulations for Definitions of Classes)*

**PUPPIES UNDER EIGHT CALENDAR MONTHS OF AGE ON 5th MARCH 2009 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR EXHIBITION AT THIS SHOW**

- a. In the following definitions, a Challenge Certificate includes any Show award that counts towards the title of Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club. A CACIB or CAC is taken to be the equivalent to a Challenge Certificate and should be taken into account when entering classes.
- b. Wins at Championship Shows in breed classes where Challenge Certificates are not on offer shall be counted as wins at Open Shows.
- c. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including the seventh day before the date of closing of entries shall be counted when entering for any class i.e. **Monday, 29th December 2008**. Wins in Variety classes do not count for entry in Breed Classes but when entering for Variety classes, wins in both Breed and Variety classes must be counted. A First Prize does not include a Special Prize of whatever value.
- d. A dog is not eligible for entry in Variety Classes (excluding AVNSC classes) unless also entered and subsequently exhibited in a Breed Class where such a class is provided for which it is eligible, as provided in Kennel Club Definitions of Classes.
- e. If an exhibitor reports before the judging of a class or classes that a dog has been entered which is ineligible, the exhibitor may choose one of the following options:
  - (1) *Withdrawal*  
The dog may be withdrawn from competition subject to the conditions of Regulations F(1) 9(j) and 20.
  - (2) *Transfer*
    - a) If a dog is ineligible for a class or classes as regards its breed, colour, sex, weight or height the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the equivalent class or classes for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height and, in the event of there being no equivalent class, to the Open class for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height.
    - b) for any reason other than the above, the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the Open Class for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height.

If an exhibit arrives late and misses a class, even if it is the only class in which the dog is entered, the dog may not be transferred to any other class.

**YEARLING** For dogs of twelve and not exceeding twenty-four calendar months of age on 5th March 2009.

**NOVICE** For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate or three or more First Prizes at Open and Championship Shows (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy classes excepted, whether restricted or not).

**UNDERGRADUATE** For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate or three or more First Prizes at Championship Shows (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy classes excepted, whether restricted or not).

**GRADUATE** For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate or four or more First Prizes at Championship Shows in Graduate, Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit and Open classes, whether restricted or not.

**POST GRADUATE** For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate or five or more First Prizes at Championship Shows in Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit and Open classes, whether restricted or not.

**MID LIMIT** For dogs which have not become show Champions under Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club or won 5 or more First Prizes in all at Championship Shows in Mid Limit, Limit and Open classes, confined to the breed, whether restricted or not, at Shows where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed.

**LIMIT** For dogs which have not become show Champions under Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club or won 7 or more First Prizes in all at Championship Shows in Limit and Open classes, confined to the breed, whether restricted or not, at Shows where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed.

**OPEN** For all dogs of the breed for which the class is provided and eligible for entry at the Show.

**VETERAN** For dogs of not less than seven years of age on 5th March 2009.

**FIELD TRIAL** For dogs which have won Awards, Diplomas of Merit or Certificates of Merit in actual competition at a Field Trial held under Kennel Club or Irish Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations.

**GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME** For dogs which have achieved their Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bronze Award Certificate or above. Certificates should be available at the Show for inspection, if requested. ***N.B. Dogs entered in this class MUST also qualify for entry in the usual way.***

**SPECIAL WORKING TRIAL** With the exception of Bloodhounds, a dog is eligible for entry in the Working Trial Classes for its breed if it has gained a qualification not less than U.D. Excellent under Kennel Club Working Trial Regulations. A Bloodhound is eligible for entry in the Working Trial Classes if it has won a prize at a Working Trial for Bloodhounds held under Kennel Club Working Trial Regulations.

**SPECIAL PUPPY** For dogs of eight and not exceeding fourteen calendar months of age on 5th March 2009.

**SPECIAL JUNIOR** For dogs of eight and not exceeding eighteen calendar months of age on 5th March 2009.

**SPECIAL OPEN RACING OR LURE COURSING (Greyhounds or Whippets only)** For Kennel Club registered Whippets which have either (a) won a course with a club affiliated to the National Coursing Club (the name of the club must be given on the entry form), or (b) during the year ending at the closing date for Crufts entries, won a race with a club affiliated to the Whippet Club Racing Association (the name of the club and date of the race must be given on the entry form and current W.C.R.A. Passport produced on the day), or (c) during the year ending at the closing date for Crufts entries, won a lure course with one of the following clubs, N.W.C.C., British Sighthound Field Association or the Sussex Longdog Association; and for Kennel Club registered Greyhounds which must also be registered with the N.G.R.C. or the N.C.C.

**SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG** A dog is eligible for entry in Special Working Gundog classes for its Breed if it has a Working Gundog Certificate, a Kennel Club Show Gundog Working Certificate or won an award, Diploma of Merit or Certificate of Merit in competition at a Field Trial held under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club.

**Y.K.C. STAKES CLASSES** See page 16 for definition.