



THE KENNEL CLUB

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Veterinary Health Checks for Breeds listed On Breed Watch as Category Three Exhibitor Information

It is expected that an exhibitor will co-operate fully with this procedure. This move, along with the other health measures that we have put in place will help the Kennel Club to ensure that the show ring is a positive lever for change in the world of dogs. The objective of this process is to improve canine health and protect the sport of dog showing.

Therefore, the exhibitor should allow the examination be carried out unhindered and without obstruction.

In January 2011, the Kennel Club announced that all dogs of the fifteen high profile breeds which win Best of Breed at Crufts 2012 and at General and Group Championship Shows after that, will need to be given a clean bill of health by the show veterinary surgeon before their Best of Breed awards are confirmed and before they are allowed to continue to compete at the show. Regulation F(1)27.a. refers.

ELIGIBILITY FOR GROUP AT A GENERAL OR GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW (BIS)

F(1)27.a. Best of Breed

Where a breed is separately classified a Best of Breed may be declared but only from those dogs which have received a first prize in a breed class at the show. Where separate classes are provided for each sex of a breed a Best of each Sex must be declared.

NOTE: The Best of Breed/Best Any Variety Not Separately Classified award relevant to a Breed listed as Category Three on Breed Watch will not be confirmed until the dog has passed an examination by the General and Group Championship Show Veterinary Surgeon.

F(1)27.b. Shows Judged on the Group System

(1) Best of Group

Best of Group and subsequent Group placings must be selected from:-

- (a) The Best of Breed winners in each Group provided that they are unbeaten winning dogs.
- (b) The best unbeaten winning dog from the Any Variety Not Separately Classified classes in each Group or on each day.

NOTE: The dog declared Best of Breed/Best Any Variety Not Separately Classified from a breed designated by the Kennel Club on Breed Watch as a Category Three is not eligible to compete in the Group competition unless it has passed an examination by the Show's Veterinary Surgeon. If the dog fails to pass the examination it is ineligible to compete in the relevant Group.

Process

We anticipate that the process will be carried out as follows:

- Best of Breed Selected
 - Award card handed out, but once judging is completed it should be collected back and retained by either a show official or the show secretary.

- Designated official to accompany exhibitor to Show Vet
- Exhibit passes check
 - Show Official gives Exhibitor the signed award card, and a copy of the completed vet form and permitted to enter the group competition
 - Society to send a copy of the Vet form to the Kennel Club with its show returns
- Exhibit fails check
 - Show Official gives exhibitor a copy of the vet check form, and confirms their dog is ineligible to enter the group competition
 - Society to send the BOB award card and a copy of the Vet form to the Kennel Club with its show returns

Confirmation of Champion Title

In addition, before the Champion title of any dog or bitch within these breeds can be confirmed, that dog will have to undergo a successful veterinary examination at a Group or General Championship Show. Regulation K2 refers.

K2.a. and K2.b. Championship Qualifications

Any dog from a breed designated by the Kennel Club on Breed Watch as Category Three will not have its title of Champion confirmed until the dog has passed an examination by a General or Group Championship Show Veterinary Surgeon. The result of the examination shall be final.

The veterinary health check can be performed in advance of winning a 3rd CC or the champion status can be kept pending until the check takes place at a future show.

There are currently 12 breeds which have been designated as Category Three on Breed Watch:

Utility

Shar Pei
Bulldog
Chow Chow

Working

Dogue De Bordeaux
Neapolitan Mastiff
Mastiff
St Bernard

Pastoral

German Shepherd Dog

Toy

Pug
Pekingese

Hound

Basset Hound
Bloodhound