



THE KENNEL CLUB
Making a difference for dogs

**THE FOLLOWING ADVICE NOTE IS TO BE PROVIDED TO JUDGES OF BREED
WATCH CATEGORY THREE BREEDS AT CRUFTS 2018**

BRIEFING NOTE FOR JUDGES OF CATEGORY 3 BREEDS

It is important to remember that the best of breed award for a Category 3 Breed cannot be confirmed until the dog has successfully passed a veterinary examination by the designated show vet. The vet's decision is final. For the dog which fails its veterinary examination, its best of breed award is void and it is ineligible to compete in the Group competition.

The following regulations have been introduced to support this position.

F(1)17. Exhibition of Dogs

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Before confirmation of a Best of Breed/Best Any Variety Not Separately Classified/Best Any Variety Imported Register breed award and where appropriate a Champion award, for breeds designated by the Kennel Club as a Category 3 Breed, exhibitors are required to present their dogs for examination to a General & Group Championship Show Veterinary Surgeon. The result of the examination shall be final.

NOTE: The Best of Breed/Best Any Variety Not Separately Classified/Best Any Variety Imported Register breed award relevant to a Category 3 Breed will not be confirmed until the dog has passed an examination by the General and Group Championship Show Veterinary Surgeon.

F(1)27. Best in Show

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Definition of a Category 3 Breed. A breed from time to time designated by the General Committee as requiring particular monitoring by reason of visible condition(s) which may cause health or welfare concerns. The list of designated Category 3 Breeds is kept under regular review and is published from time to time in the Kennel Club Journal.

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/Any Variety Imported Register Breed award relevant to a Category 3 Breed will not be confirmed until the dog has passed an examination by the General and Group Championship Show Veterinary Surgeon.

F(1)27.b.(1) Best in Group

(1) Best of Group

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

- (a) The Best of Breed winners in each Group.
- (b) The best dog from the Any Variety Not Separately Classified classes in each Group or on each day.
- (c) The best dog from Any Variety Imported Breed Register classes in each Group or on each day.

NOTE: The dog declared Best of Breed/Best Any Variety Not Separately Classified/Best Any Variety Imported Register Breed from a breed designated by the Kennel Club as a Category 3 Breed 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.

What you need to do when declaring your Best of Breed

Bearing in mind that Kennel Club Regulations no longer state that a Best of Breed must be declared and assuming that you wish to declare a Best of Breed, the steps you need to take are given below.

As is usual you should declare the BOB award in the centre of the ring by handing over the BLANK red BOB card to the exhibitor. As you would do when awarding a CC, ask for the card to be returned for you to fill in and sign. Once you have done this DO NOT HAND IT BACK TO THE EXHIBITOR, the card should be handed to the Crufts Official who will be at ringside. In the event of a Crufts Official not being present the completed card should be handed to your Ring Steward who will hand it over to the show manager.

There is nothing further you need do – your role as the judge is finished.

However for your information, the BOB dog and exhibitor will be accompanied to the special veterinary office where the examination will take place. If the dog's examination is successful it will be eligible to compete in the Group competition and the BOB card will be handed over to the exhibitor. However if it fails its examination the dog will not be present in the Group ring.

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