



DOG / PUPPY / NEUTER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Dogs SA Show Dog / Puppy / Neuter of the Year competition will be conducted on a date to be approved by Council each year.

Qualifying period shall commence on the first Monday after the Adelaide Royal Show and will conclude on the final day of the following Adelaide Royal Show.

Qualifying wins for Show Dog, Puppy & Neuter of the Year will be all Championship Shows sanctioned by Dogs SA and held in South Australia.

The qualified Dog, and at least one owner of the dog, must reside in South Australia and be a financial member of Dogs SA at the time of the qualifying win/s and at the date of the event. All other owners must be financial members of their controlling body.

To Quality for this event:

Show Dog of the Year – your dog must have been awarded one of the following:

- All Breeds Best in Show
- All Breeds RU Best in Show
- Deemed to be one of the top 3 dogs in your group, excluding dogs already qualified under the first 2 dot points. This will be calculated on a point score of 2 points for Best in Group or Best in Show Specialty and 1 point for RU Best in Group or Specialty. The points to be calculated at the end of the qualifying period with the top 3 dogs deemed the qualifiers (excluding the BIS & RUBIS winners)

Puppy of the Year – your puppy must have been awarded:

- All Breeds Baby, Minor or Puppy in Show

NOTE: To be eligible for POTY all Puppy qualifiers must be 6 months old as at the closing date of entries for the Puppy of the Year competition.

Neuter of the Year – your neuter must have been awarded:

- All Breeds Best Neuter in Show
- All Breeds RU Best Neuter in Show

Judges:

- The judging panel must consist of at least three 'All Breeds' Judges.
- No more than two judges to come from the same jurisdiction.
- It is preferable that all judges have not judged in South Australia in the preceding 12 months.
- All judges will remain anonymous until the date of judging.

*** *The committee reserve the right to alter or amend the above requirements in unforeseen circumstances.**

Judging Format:

- Order of Judging will commence with Neuter of the Year, then Puppy of the Year, followed by Show Dog of the Year.
- The first-round draw in each category will be by random ballot and may be subject to multiple dogs as required (no single dog rounds unless unavoidable).
- Exhibitors with more than one dog in the same category cannot draw each other in the first round.
- Judging is a knockout competition with the judges assessing each dog independently. The winner of each round will advance to the next round until the eventual winner is declared.