

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.



**AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB™**

ENTRIES CLOSE: 12:00 Noon EST, Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at the office of the Show Secretary, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6, of the Dog Show Rules.

PREMIUM LIST 30th Specialty Show



VALLEY FORGE BASSET HOUND CLUB
American Kennel Club Licensed Show
(Indoors and Unbenched)

Montgomery County Agricultural & 4-H Center
1015 Bridge Road (Route 113)
Collegeville, PA 19426-1179

Friday, November 27th, 2009

Show Hours: 11:00AM EST to 5:00PM EST

A RAMP WILL BE USED IN JUDGING



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION

Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

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photos will be expected at the show.

JUDGES

Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes
Mrs. Mary Smizer
1370 Lower South Main Street, Bangor, PA 18013-9401

All Junior Showmanship Classes
All Regular and Non-Regular Breed Classes
Mrs. Marjorie A. Wikerd
5667 State Route 41, Homer, NY 13077-9361

**>> A 'New Exhibitor Briefing' will be offered <<
>> at the Show Secretary's Desk. <<**

CONSULT THE JUDGING PROGRAM FOR THE TIME OF JUDGING. DOGS NEED BE PRESENT ONLY AT THE SCHEDULED TIME. Dogs not required for further judging will be excused. **JUDGES WILL NOT WAIT FOR ANY DOG HOLDING UP A CLASS.** Owners or agents alone are responsible for the presence of their dogs in the judging ring when their classes are called to be judged.

NOTE: Approval and Prepayment for all win photos is required. Photos will not be invoiced.

All persons attending this dog show/event hereby waive any claims for damages against Valley Forge Basset Hound Club or its members, in the event a vehicle must be entered to rescue a dog from overheating due to improper ventilation.

SHOW HOURS are 11:00 AMEST to 5:00 PMEST.

EXHIBITORS AND FRIENDS OF THE CLUB are invited to attend dinner, following the show, at **Collegeville Diner, 290 East Main Street, Collegeville, PA 19426, Phone: (610) 409-9600.** Refer to their website www.collegevillediner.com for details about their establishment. Everyone will order from the menu and will be responsible for the cost of their food. Please notify the Show Secretary if you plan to attend dinner.

SHOW SITE

Montgomery County Agricultural & 4H Center
1015 Bridge Road (Route 113)
Collegeville, PA 19426-1179

Located:

0.9 Miles South of Skippack Pike (Route 73).
2.2 miles North of Route 29.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW

From Schuylkill Expressway (I-276):

Exit 328A onto Route 422 West toward Pottstown.
Route 29 North toward Collegeville.
Turn Right onto Route 113 North. 2.2 miles to show site on left.

From PA Turnpike (I-76):

Exit 326 toward I-476 / Philadelphia / Route 202 / Valley Forge.
Exit 328A onto Route 422 West toward Pottstown
Route 29 North toward Collegeville.
Turn Right onto Route 113 North. 2.2 miles to show site on left.

From Skippack Pike (Route 73):

Route 113 South. 0.9 miles to show site on right.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

ENTRY FEES: \$22.00 [includes AKC Recording and Event Service Fees] for first entry of each dog and \$12.00 for each additional entry of the same dog, except where noted. Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes are \$8.00 and the dog must also be entered in a regular class or non-regular class. No fee for Junior Showmanship as a second entry.

CLOSING DATE for entries is 12 Noon EST, Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at the Show Secretary's Office, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted.

TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE, FAXED, OR UNSIGNED ENTRIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

ENTRIES NOT ON OFFICIAL AKC ENTRY FORMS and photocopies of entry forms without the Agreement and Rules on the reverse side of the official AKC entry form are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

MAIL ALL ENTRIES WITH FEES [US FUNDS ONLY] TO: Elsie E. Tagg, 1120 Fairhill Road, Sellersville, PA 18960-3318. **ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT FEES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Acknowledgement of entries will be made as soon as practicable with tickets and/or identification cards. The person accompanying the dog must show tickets of admission and identification before the dog will be received. **SHOULD SUCH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT NOT BE RECEIVED BY THE EXHIBITOR WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME,** please notify the Show Secretary.

NO ENTRY SHALL BE MADE OR ACCEPTED WHICH SPECIFIES ANY CONDITIONS AS TO ITS ACCEPTANCE.

ENTRY FEES shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by the Veterinarian or the Judge or is barred from competition by action of the Show Committee. If because of riots, civil disturbances or other acts beyond the control of the management it is impossible to open or complete the show, no refund of entry fee will be made.

ERRORS ON ENTRY FORMS are the responsibility of the owner or agent filling out the form. No entry fee will be refunded in the event of such errors or for cancellation of entries after the published closing date.

TROPHIES AND PRIZES will be awarded in the ring to the person exhibiting the dog, who will be considered the owner or agent for the owner. All claims for trophies must be made in the judging ring before completion of the show. **NO PRIZES OR TROPHIES WILL BE MAILED.**

RIBBON PRIZES

Regular Classes

First Prize.....Blue Ribbon	Second Prize.....Red Ribbon
Third Prize.....Yellow Ribbon	Fourth Prize.....White Ribbon
Best of Breed.....	Purple and Gold Rosette
Best of Winners.....	Blue and White Rosette
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed.....	Red and White Rosette
Winners.....	Purple Rosette
Reserve Winners.....	Purple and White Rosette

Non-Regular Classes

First Prize.....Rose Ribbon	Second Prize....Brown Ribbon
Third Prize....Light Green Ribbon	Fourth Prize.....Grey Ribbon
Best in Sweepstakes.....	Rose and Light Green Rosette
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes.....	Lavender Rosette
Best Veteran in Sweepstakes.....	Rose and Light Green Rosette
Best of Opposite Sex to Best Veteran in Sweepstakes.....	Lavender Rosette

CLASSIFICATION

Regular Classes

Puppy Dogs (6 Months and Under 9 Months)
Puppy Dogs (9 Months and Under 12 Months)
Dogs (12 Months and Under 18 Months)

Bred by Exhibitor Dogs	American Bred Dogs	Open Dogs	Winners Dog
(Same Classes for Bitches)			

Best of Breed Competition

Non-Regular Additional Classes Involving Single Dog Entries

Field Trial Dog Class: Open to any dog that has placed first, second, third, or fourth in an AKC Licensed of Member Club Basset Hound Field Trial held by a Basset Hound Club. Name and date of trial where placement was awarded must be shown on entry form.

Veteran Dog Class: Open to all dogs seven (7) years of age or over.
(Same Classes for Bitches)

Non-Regular Additional Classes Involving Multiple Dog Entries

Stud Dog Class: Will be for Stud Dogs and two of their get. Stud Dogs must be entered in the Stud Dog Class and must be shown in the ring with their get. The owner of the Stud Dog need not necessarily be owner of the get. While the merits of the Stud Dog are not to be considered in the placement of the entry, the Stud Dog must be examined to determine if it has a condition that would require its disqualification or excusal under the Dog Show Rules, AKC policy, or the standard of its breed. Get must be entered in a regular class, Best of Breed (Variety) Competition, or some other non-regular class.

Brood Bitch Class: Will be for Brood Bitches and two of their produce. Brood Bitches must be entered in the Brood Bitch Class and must be shown in the ring with their produce. The owner of the Brood Bitch need not necessarily be owner of the produce. While the merits of the Brood Bitch are not to be considered in the placement of the entry, the Brood Bitch must be examined to determine if it has a condition that would require its disqualification or excusal under the Dog Show Rules, AKC policy, or the standard of its breed. Produce must be entered in a regular class, Best of Breed (Variety) Competition, or some other non-regular class.

NOTE: As the judge's decision in the Stud Dog and Brood Bitch Classes will be based on the merits of more than one dog, no one of the dogs making up the entry judged first in this class will be eligible to compete for Best of Breed by virtue of having won this class.

SWEEPSTAKES

Entry Fee shall be \$8.00. Sweepstakes is open to all Basset Hounds at least six months and not yet eighteen months of age who have not yet completed the requirements for Championship. Entries shall be made at the same time and on the same form as the regular classes. All dogs entered on Sweepstakes must also be entered in a regular class at the regular entry fee. Any person may handle a dog in Sweepstakes.

The Classes shall be as follows:

- Puppy Dogs (6 months and under 9 Months)
- Puppy Dogs (9 months and under 12 Months)
- Junior Dogs (12 months and under 18 Months)
- (Same Classes for Bitches)
- Best in Sweepstakes
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Entry Fee shall be \$7.00. Veteran Sweepstakes is open to all Basset Hounds at least seven years of age. Entries shall be made at the same time and on the same form as the regular or non-regular classes. All dogs entered in the Veteran Sweepstakes must be entered in a regular or non-regular class at the regular entry fee. Champions of record and altered dogs are welcome to compete. Any person may handle a dog in Sweepstakes.

The Classes shall be as follows:

- Veteran Dogs (7 years and under 9 Years)
- Veteran Dogs (9 Years and Over)
- (Same Classes for Bitches)
- Best Veteran in Sweepstakes
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best Veteran in Sweepstakes

Sweepstakes Money Prizes

Money received from entry fees in each individual class will be divided as follows:

30% to be retained by the Club to help defray expenses,

First Prize: 25% Second Prize: 20% Third Prize: 15% Fourth Prize: 10%

(Same breakdown applies to Veteran Sweepstakes)

All trophies are offered through the generosity of friends and members of the Valley Forge Basset Hound Club. All trophies are hand thrown stoneware with the club's logo, unless specified otherwise

Sweepstakes Trophy Prizes

Best in Sweepstakes.....20oz Dale Soup Bowl
Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes.....16oz Triple Stack Mug
Best Veteran in Sweepstakes.....20oz Dale Soup Bowl
Best of Opposite Sex to Best Veteran in Sweepstakes.....16oz Triple Stack Mug

Conformation Trophy Prizes

Best of Breed.....120oz Large Mix Bowl
Best of Winners.....40oz Small Mix Bowl
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed.....80oz Medium Mix Bowl
Winners Dog.....Sugar Dish
Winners Bitch.....Sugar Dish
Reserve Winners Dog.....Creamer
Reserve Winners Bitch.....Creamer
First in all Regular Classes.....16oz Hilltop Chili Mug
First in all Non-Regular Classes.....16oz Hilltop Chili Mug

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION CLASSES

Novice Junior: For Boys and Girls at least 9 and under 12 years of age on the day of the show who at the same time entries close, have not won three first place awards, with competition present, in Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

Novice Intermediate: For Boys and Girls at least 12 and under 15 years of age on the day of the show who at the same time entries close, have not won three first place awards, with competition present, in Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

Novice Senior: For Boys and Girls at least 15 and under 18 years of age on the day of the show who at the same time entries close, have not won three first place awards, with competition present, in Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

Open Junior: For Boys and Girls at least 9 and under 12 years of age on the day of the show who at the same time entries close, have won three first place awards, with competition present, in Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

Open Intermediate: For Boys and Girls at least 12 and under 15 years of age on the day of the show who at the same time entries close, have won three first place awards, with competition present, in Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

Open Senior: For Boys and Girls at least 15 and under 18 years of age on the day of the show who at the same time entries close, have won three first place awards, with competition present, in Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

Best Junior Handler: A minimum of two class winners must be present to compete for this award, as specified in [AKC Regulations for Junior Showmanship](#) Section 5, Paragraph D.

NOTE: Junior Handlers must include their AKC Junior Handler Number on each entry. You may obtain your junior identification number by contacting the AKC, Events Records Department, by telephone (919) 816-3776 or by e-mail at juniors@akc.org. Be sure all information for Junior Showmanship Classes is entered on the front and back of the entry form.

Junior Showmanship Prizes

Best Junior Handler.....16oz Triple Stack Mug
First Place in Each Class.....\$10.00 Gift Certificate

Ribbon and Rosette Prizes

First Prize.....Rose Rosette Second Prize.....Brown Rosette
Third Prize... ..Light Green Rosette Fourth Prize.....Grey Rosette

Best Junior Handler.....Rose and Light Green Rosette

Entry Fee: \$22.00 as a first entry. No fee for Junior Showmanship as a second entry.

