

ALL BREED CONFORMATION DOG SHOWS

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Please read the APRI Show Rules below:

Changes may be added if necessary, please call the office for updates.

I understand it is my responsibility to verify with APRI that my application has been received. If the application has not been received by APRI by the deadline, I understand I will not be permitted to show even if I sent the application, nor will any entry fees be refunded after the deadline for entries. I will not hold APRI or the sponsoring club responsible for failure of postal service, fax, or email to deliver applications on time.

I am in good standing with America's Pet Registry, Inc., and all information submitted is true and accurate.

I agree to provide a current health certificate (within six months) and proof of rabies vaccination when checking in for a show. I understand that I will not be allowed to show if this certification is not available.

By applying to exhibit at the America's Pet Registry, Inc. sanctioned dog show, I agree to abide by the published rules for exhibitors and for show entries.

I agree to abide by the applicable APRI Pet owner, breeder, and exhibitor Codes of Ethics (the Codes of Ethics are published on the APRI web site and are available from the APRI office).

I agree to hold America's Pet Registry, Inc. and the sponsoring club, their officers, employees, agents, judges, and volunteers blameless and free from all liability for any and all events whatsoever that may occur in connection with this APRI sanctioned dog show, whether such event or accident may be or may be alleged to be the result of any negligence of the aforementioned parties.

I understand that no scores will be recorded until a DNA specimen has been taken at the show and the microchip scanned and recorded. I further understand that my dog(s) will be micro-chipped before the show I am entering. I agree to supply APRI with the correct chip number with my application for show registration.

By exhibiting my dog(s) in an APRI sanctioned show, I grant permission to APRI to publish photos of me and/or my exhibitor(s) and my dog(s) and to use the photos for promotion of APRI.

Dog show entries are \$15.00 per dog per show.

Most show dates are 2 shows, so figure fees accordingly.

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Rules for Exhibitors.

1. All APRI dog shows are **conformation** shows. Dogs are judged by appearance and conformation as well as by temperament. The latter is very important in a pet. Grooming is also an essential element in the presentation of the dog to the judges.
2. Your clean, neat public appearance is essential to the presentation of your dog. Remember that you represent your dog, and, in turn, your dog represents you.
3. Comfortable shoes are a must. Judges will examine the gait of the dog. If you move comfortably, your dog will move comfortably as well.
4. All exhibitors will be required to wear identification in the form of a badge number. This identification will be issued at the show. This **MUST** be visible to the Show Marshall upon entering the ring and to the judges as they examine the dog. Exhibitors should have only **ONE** number, that of the dog being shown at that time, visible on their clothing.
5. All exhibitors must be on time and in the waiting area before their dog is called to enter the ring.
6. The exhibitor must be in control of the dog at all times. Failure to maintain control will result in immediate dismissal from the ring and/or removal from the show grounds.
7. The Show Marshall(s), Judges, Secretary, Veterinarian, and Show Committee are the governing body of the show. Their directives are beyond dispute and final while they are fulfilling their duties.
8. Depending on the number of entries, dogs and bitches may be shown together since the judging is against the standard and not against each other.
9. A qualifying score is 90% of the points possible. Currently that is 180 points out of a possible of 200. Dogs must earn those qualifying points in at least three shows to be a champion.
10. Currently, judging will be based on four categories as follows:
 - a. **OVERALL IMPRESSION** : Appearance/Movement/Temperament
 - b. **HEAD**: Mouth/Bite/Teeth/Ears/Eye (shape & color) /Muzzle/Stop
 - c. **BODY**: Neck/Top-line/Tail/Chest/Ribcage/Height/Weight
 - d. **FRONT** **&** **REAR** **QUARTERS:**
Feet/Legs/Shoulders/Hips/Angulation
11. Championship titles will be awarded at these shows to qualifying dogs from previous shows. Dogs must qualify for championship status in three separate shows to earn the title of APRI Champion. A second title, **Prominent Champion**, requires that a dog that is already a champion attain 194 of the total points in at least three shows after achieving championship status. The title **ChPc** will be registered on the certificates and pedigrees of those dogs that attain this title. A third title, **Champion par Excellence** requires three perfect scores at any time within a dog's show career. The designation **ChPe** will be on the certificates and pedigrees of these dogs. The premiere title of **Distinguished Show Champion (ChDc)** will be given to the dog winning the **Parade of Champions**, the invitational champion dog show to be held annually.

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12. Puppies six to twelve months may be shown to qualify for championship titles, but only one qualification earned in the puppy class may be counted toward a champion title. At least two qualifying shows must be earned in the adult class.
13. Each show, even two on the same day, counts as a separate show with separate judges. Registration fees must be paid for each show in which an exhibitor plans to participate.
14. Qualifying dogs must have a DNA specimen collected and a microchip scanned and recorded before leaving the show. **Failure to do so will void the score for that show.** A microchip is required of any dog attending an APRI show. All dogs participating in an APRI sanctioned show must be registered with America's Pet Registry, Inc., prior to the deadline for the show. Potential entries not currently registered with APRI may qualify for dual registration if they are entered before the deadline and meet the requirements for dual registration.
15. An entry fee of \$15 for each dog in each show must be sent with the application.
16. Entries can be made on line or by fax using a Visa or Mastercard.
17. No dog may be entered that is physically impaired; i.e., blind, deaf, monorchid, etc., but neutered dogs are permitted. No dog may be entered with any trait that might prove threatening to the dogs, exhibitors, or spectators.
18. No dog may be physically altered unless the breed standard warrants such alterations (dew claws removed, tail docked, ears cropped, etc.) Dogs with ears that would normally be cropped may be shown with full ears with no penalty.
19. **No dog may be physically altered to disguise a congenital or hereditary fault, gait, or appearance.**
20. No dog may be sedated to compete. Sedation or the administering of medication of any kind at the show site is grounds for immediate dismissal.
21. No artificial appliance may be used to alter or enhance the natural gait or appearance of exhibiting dogs.
22. Any judge may dismiss without question any dog exhibiting lameness or obvious contagious characteristics.
23. Any judge may dismiss without question any dog displaying aggressive behavior.
24. **No dog may be shown that has had its natural color altered in any way.**
25. Neutered dogs may be shown with no penalty.
26. Any dog not being groomed or awaiting entry to the ring must be crated or held outside all public areas in designated "Open" areas.
27. APRI is a pet owners' and breeders' registry; therefore, dogs may be shown in any stage of production without penalty. Example: if a bitch has been producing, she may have a short coat on her underside. A show judge will not discriminate against this producing dog over a full-coated fallow dog.
28. Puppies may carry only one qualifying score toward earning a Champion title, with the remaining two scores being earned in the adult class after the dog is a year old.
29. Dogs will be judged by two independent judges who will examine the dog individually and record their scores without conference with each other. Their scores will be tallied to ascertain the total score.

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30. The dog with the highest point total from each group will continue to the Top Dog competition at the end of the show. A separate scoring process will be used for the Top Dog portion of the show.
31. Dogs will be judged strictly according to the written standard for that breed. Those standards can be found on our web site at www.aprpets.org or by calling our office at (479) 299-4418.*
32. The exhibitor of the dog is not considered in the judging of the dog. The only requirements are that a dog must gait on a lead and stand for examination.
33. Deadlines for show entries are generally the Wednesday of the week preceding a show, or about 10 days before the show.
34. Any given show must have at least 60 dogs entered by the deadline date. A show that does not meet the minimum may be cancelled. In such an event, any entry fees will be returned to the exhibitors.
35. All APRI shows, unless otherwise indicated, will begin at 9:00 a.m., with check-in beginning at 8:15 a.m. All exhibitors are expected to be present to check-in before a given show starts.
36. Exhibitors must have the following documents with them:
 - a. **Health record for the dog being shown**
 - b. **Current rabies vaccination certification**
37. The sponsoring club is responsible for contact information such as hotels and location for the show. The contact person will be listed on the web site. Details will be added to the web site as APRI receives them.
38. Exhibitors and spectators agree to hold APRI, the sponsoring club, their officers, employees, agents, judges, and volunteers blameless and free from all liability for any and all events whatsoever that may occur in connection with an APRI sanctioned dog show.
39. By exhibiting dogs in an APRI sanctioned show, exhibitors and owners grant permission to APRI to publish photos of them, their handler(s) and dog(s) and to use the photos in promotion of APRI and its affiliates.
40. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to verify that any applications for dog shows have been received by APRI. If the application has not been received by APRI by the deadline, exhibitors will not be permitted to show, even if the application was sent. Exhibitors will not hold APRI or the sponsoring club responsible for failure of postal service, fax, or email to deliver applications on time.
41. Exhibitors may be of any age, as long as they can effectively control their dog at all times. APRI encourages children and teenagers to participate in this sport and attempts to make its shows family oriented.

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