

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRAND CHAMPION WINNING SO MANY TITLES, QUALIFYING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST EVER ALL-BREED, MULTI-TITLE CONTEST AT THE “LUCKY DOG” DOG SHOW!

Complete this ticket
and present for entry
into the dog show

ADMIT
ONE

LUCKY
DOG!!!!

TEAM NAME: _____

DOG NAME: _____

PADDY
WHACK

GOOD
LUCK!!!

*Refer to Show Schedule for
more information*

DOG SHOW GROUND RULES

- 1) **When your dog is ready (see Rules 3-4), use the “Contact HQ link”,** ask for a ring time, and **DON'T BE LATE** – there are lots of dogs eager to win! Once called, your show duration is expected to be ~15min.
- 2) Please complete the enclosed ticket and present it at the door to confirm registration. Please record your kennel's registered (team) name and your dog's call name.
- 3) Only dog breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club (AKC) and in one of the standard groups: (Herding, Hound, Non-Sporting, Sporting, Terrier, Toy, and Working) are eligible for this competition. Refer to <http://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/> for more information, as necessary.
- 4) **CHOOSE WISELY** –
 - a) Each kennel is allowed only one entry, so please select your very best dog and your most competent handler to compete in each of the events (see Show Schedule for more details). **SELECT A DOG THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR “BEST IN SHOW” JUDGING DURING THE CLOSING CEREMONY, IN THE EVENT YOU WIN THIS “GROUP” EVENT** (scheduled for Monday).
 - b) Please carefully groom your dog before arrival; the first event shall be a Conformation trial, and your dog must successfully present with merit for its breed standard (see Show Schedule for more details).
 - c) Only one dog from each group shall make it to the Best in Show judging, so picking a dog from the group from which you expect the least competitors can give you an edge!
 - d) Yes, this means you must dress up a teammate to pass a conformation judging before the dog may compete in the remaining events and ultimately win an award. As usual, training your dog to be competitive for the other events prior to the show is at your kennel's sole discretion.
- 5) You may have a small grooming team prepping outside, but only the dog and handler are allowed in the arena.
- 6) A dog must successfully complete each event and finish its snack before receiving an award.
- 7) **BE PREPARED** – bring a few writing implements, blank paper (a judge will check prior to use), and at least one cell phone that is charged and able to take photos (your team would LOVE to see your dog in action!).
- 8) As you enter the dog show arena, your dog must be leashed by its handler. If instructed or allowed upon request to remove the leash, you may do so, but please re-leash your dog when the activity requiring leash removal is complete. We cannot have dogs running amok in the arena.
- 9) As with any dog show, you may at times be in close proximity with your competitors. Please apply the standard etiquette. While there may be multiple dogs presenting at one time, please be courteous and respectful at all times, and do not share information that could give another team either an advantage or a disadvantage. Also, endeavor to keep your dog a practical distance away from any other (dogs caught fighting or, heaven forbid, coupling within the arena shall be immediately disqualified).
- 10) Poop bags and pee pads shall not be provided, so please walk your dog prior to entry, and clean up after them while in the arena. We don't care if all you have to clean up your Saint Bernard's mess is a single, used tissue – that's your own fault.
- 11) Event results shall be tallied over the weekend and the final Best-in-Show contestants shall be announced and expected to present for final judging during the closing ceremony. All judges' decisions are final.

SHOW SCHEDULE

1) CHECK-IN

Present the admission ticket at your designated ring time. Only one dog per team, please.

2) CONFORMATION

The judge shall assess the externally visible details of the dog's structure and appearance, as defined in detail by each dog breed's written breed standard. The handler must exhibit his or her dog to the judge and spectators, highlighting how their dog conforms to the requirements of the AKC breed standard for the breed. The handler is allowed to refer to notes brought with them, and should be complete their verbal presentation of the dog to the judges within **one minute**.

For the purposes of this mini-event, the dog shall be graded on a pass/fail basis, but shall be ranked against the other dogs in its group for grand prize judging purposes. Remember, as in any conformance dog show, the judge has sole discretion to withhold a ribbon ("pass") to any dog for "lack of merit".

3) OBEDIENCE

Once the dog has passed its conformation judging, the dog must complete two standard Obedience events:

- a) RECALL – There are 189 “fully recognized” AKC breeds, as of the announcement for two breeds on 01/05/2016. Your dog must recall & write down as many as possible from memory (without notes, electronics, or handler assistance) within **three minutes**. Proper spelling preferred, but slight mistakes will be forgiven as long as the answer can be understood by the judge. Duplicate answers will not be accepted.
- b) STAND FOR EXAM – The dog must complete a twenty-question dog-themed trivia quiz (without notes, electronics, or handler assistance). A **three-minute** time limit shall be imposed.

4) AGILITY

The dog must stand and balance something (provided by the judge) on its nose for as long as possible. The dog will be given two attempts, with the highest time recorded.

5) SNACK BREAK

A snack shall be provided after all activities have been completed. The handler and dog are welcome to return home at their discretion afterwards.

6) AWARDS

Even after consuming a snack, we appreciate that each dog that completes all of the events shall be thoroughly exhausted, and that is deserving of a certificate of participation. One shall be mailed to you after finishing the snack.

Remember, your dog may qualify for Best in Show, and must be presented during the closing ceremony (Monday) in order to qualify for the grand prize!