

***IRISH KENNEL CLUB
STEWARDS GUIDE
For National and International Shows***



Responsibilities of the Stewards.

The key responsibilities of a steward are:

- **Responsibilities**
 - Smooth & Efficient Running of the Ring
 - Call & Check Exhibits into each class in numerical order
 - Follow Judges Directions
- **Note:** Judge is in Overall Charge of Ring

Before judging starts the steward should firstly check that all necessary materials are in the box.

- Check All Material
 - Catalogue (at International Shows one for each steward in the ring, most rings should have at least two stewards)
 - Judges Book & Ring Sheets (one for each Breed)
 - Pens, Paper - Prize Cards, Grade Cards
 - Green Star & Reserve Cards, (CACIB & Reserve Cards when applicable)
 - Best of Breed, (Best Puppy Cards, Best Veteran when applicable)
 - Rosettes

Before judging starts,
the steward should arrange with the judge:

- Locations for
- New Exhibits
- Placing of Award
- Note: Dogs must be Always placed 1st to 4th from Left to right (reverse order placing's are not allowed in the breed ring), We would ask you to use the place markers where possible.

When Judging Starts

- Call each class by Name
- Call each exhibit by Number
- THREE (3) calls are sufficient, it is the exhibitors responsibility to be at the ring side on time.
- Mark of Absentees in Catalogue
- Inform Judge of All Absentees

- Must Check that each exhibitor displays the correct Number

During Judging

- Late arrivals only allowed in with Judges Permission
- Watch out for "Double Handling"
 - Attraction of Exhibits from Outside Ring
- Watch out for Interference from outside ring
- Inform Judge of Any Incursions
- No Un-Authorised Persons Allowed in Ring

Judges Book

- The Judge is responsible for Marking Up his/her book after each Sex & Breed
- **The Steward should confirm the following with the judge**
- Absentees
- All Relevant Slips completed & Signed
- Three Columns

1. IKC 2. Secretary's 3. Judges

All must be marked identically

See Example on Next Page

Please Do Not!

- Do Not Alter Order of Judging except when Instructed by Secretary or Show Manager
- Do Not Hold up judging for late exhibit
 - Even in another Ring
 - The Onus is on exhibitor to be there on time
- Do Not Allow exhibit to transfer between classes unless instructed by Secretary
- Do Not Stand Alongside Judge
- Do Not Converse with Judge,
 - unless asking specific question
- Do Not Show Catalogue to Judge
- Do Not Converse un-necessarily with Exhibitors

Please remember to:

- Mark up Catalogue Carefully
 - Keep it safe as IKC or Secretary may need it
- Mark up the Ring Sheets after each Breed (if applicable)
- Stand apart from the Judge
- If dog fouls ring, let exhibitor clean it up
 - It is their responsibility
- Always Appear to be Courteous & Professional

National Show Classification

The classification is as follows:

- Minor Puppy (6 – 9 months) **(optional)**
- Puppy (6 – 12 months) **(compulsory)**
- Junior (9 – 18 months) **(compulsory)**
- Intermediate (15 – 24 months) **(compulsory)**
- Open (15 months and over) **(compulsory)**
- Champions (15 months and over) **(compulsory)**
- Veteran (Over 8 years) **(Optional)**
- Field Trial **(compulsory)**

Gradings

Puppy Class

The Gradings allowed in these classes are:

- Very Promising
- Promising
- Class winners with **Very Promising** compete for the **Green Star**

Junior Class, Intermediate, Open, Champion, Veteran, Field Trial:

The Gradings allowed in these classes are:

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Sufficient
- Cannot be judged

There is no need to check the Ages of the dogs.

GREEN STARS

- All Class winners with **Excellent** grade **and in the case of Puppies Very Promising** compete for the **Green Star or Reserve Green Star**
- If an **Excellent** grade is awarded the **Green Star** must also be awarded (i.e. can not be withheld.)
- If the judge does not wish to award the Green Star then the judge **SHOULD NOT AWARD** an Excellent GRADE.

Awards

Gradings/Placings

- Dogs for assessment should be lined up in numerical order
- All Dogs must be **graded** before the placing's are awarded.
- One of the Stewards should hand out the Grading Cards
- This can be done as each dog is assessed or before the placings are made.
- **Dogs must be placed left to right, first to fourth**, in clear view to Spectators.
- Placing in **Reverse Order** is **NOT ALLOWED in breed judging**

Green Stars

- Class Winners graded Excellent and in the case of Puppies Very Promising compete for the Green Star or Res. Green Star

Best of Breed

- **Is confined to the Green Star Winners.**

BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

The following additional classes may be scheduled

Baby Puppy Class is confined to dogs over four and under six months of age on the day of the Show. Dogs entered in this class are not eligible to challenge for the Green Star and may not take part in any further competition

Restricted / Special Classes (i.e. Colour Classes etc) The dog must be entered in one of the standard classes scheduled for the breed, as above.

The following are the Groups for both National and International Shows

GROUP 1 – SHEEPDOGS & CATTLE DOGS

GROUP 2 – PINCHERS, SCHNAUZERS, MOLOSSOID & OTHER BREEDS

GROUP 3 - TERRIERS

GROUP 4 - DACHSHUNDS

GROUP 5 – SPITZ & PRIMITIVE TYPES

GROUP 6 - SCENTHOUNDS

GROUP 7 – POINTING DOGS

**GROUP 8 – RETRIEVERS – FLUSHING DOGS
WATER DOGS**

GROUP 9 – COMPANION & TOY DOGS

GROUP 10 - SIGHTHOUNDS

**THIS PUPPY HAS BEEN AWARDED
THE GRADE OF**

VERY PROMISING

Whose merits in structure are such that it can be considered a very promising specimen of the breed

PROMISING

Whose merits in structure are such that it can be considered a promising specimen of the breed

Exhibit No..... Judge.....

Show.....

INTERNATIONAL SHOW Section

**THIS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN
AWARDED
THE GRADE OF**



EXCELLENT

Whose merits in structure and conformation are such that it can be considered an excellent specimen of the breed and of Champion quality.

VERY GOOD

Whose merits in structure and conformation are such that it can be considered a very good specimen of the breed.

GOOD

Whose merits in structure and conformation are such that it can be considered a good specimen of the breed.

SUFFICIENT

Whose merits in structure and conformation are such that it can be considered adequate specimen of the breed.

CANNOT BE JUDGED

Judges Comments _____

Exhibit No..... Judge.....

Show.....

International Show Classification

The classification is as follows:

- Puppy (6 – 9 months) **(optional)**
- Junior (9 – 18 months) **(compulsory)**
- Intermediate (15 – 24 months) **(compulsory)**
- Open (15 months and over) **(compulsory)**
- Champions (15 months and over) **(compulsory)**
- Veteran (Over 8 years) **(Optional)**
- Working **(compulsory)**

Gradings/Green Stars/CACIB

Puppy Class

The Gradings allowed in these classes are:

- Very Promising
- Promising
- Class winners with **Very Promising** compete for **Best Puppy in Breed**
- **CANNOT** compete for Green Star or CACIB

Junior Class

- **Dogs entered in Junior cannot compete for the CACIB, BUT MAY COMPETE FOR THE GREEN STAR**

The Gradings allowed in these classes are:

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Sufficient
- Cannot be judged

Intermediate, Open, Champion, Veteran, Field Trial/Working:

The Gradings allowed in these classes are:

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Sufficient
- Cannot be judged

There is no need to check the Ages of the dogs.

- All Class winners with **Excellent** grade compete for the **Green Star, Including the winner of Junior.**
- The following class winners **Intermediate, Open , Champion and Working** with **Excellent** grade may compete for the **CACIB .**
- If an **Excellent** grade is awarded the **Green Star** and the **CACIB** should also be awarded.

Awards

Gradings/Placings

- Dogs for assessment should be lined up in numerical order
- All Dogs must be **graded** before the placings are awarded.
- One of the Stewards should hand out the Grading Cards
- This can be done as each dog is assessed or before the placings are made.
- Only exhibits graded Excellent or Very Good can be placed in a class
- **Dogs must be placed left to right, first to fourth,** in clear view to Spectators.
- Placing in **Reverse Order** is **NOT ALLOWED in breed judging**

Green Stars/CACIB

- Green Star & Reserve Green Star is awarded before the CACIB
- Dogs graded Excellent compete for the Green Star or Res. Green Star
- If the Green Star winner is winner of CACIB eligible class, i.e. Intermediate, Open, Working or Champion then it also wins CACIB

- Intermediate, Open, Champion & Working Class Winners that are graded Excellent compete for CACIB
- All class winners graded Excellent are entitled to compete for the Green Star and the CACIB (except the Junior and Veteran which can only be awarded the Green Star)

Best of Breed

- **Is confined to the Green Star Winners.**

Best Puppy In Breed

- Best Puppy is awarded after Best of Breed
- Best puppy is confined to the Puppy Class Winners that have been Graded Very Promising
- Winners compete in Puppy Groups.

Best Veteran In Breed

- Best Veteran is awarded after Best of Breed
- Best Veteran is confined to the **Veteran Class Winners** that have been Graded **Excellent**
- Winners compete for Best Veteran In Show.
- Best Veterans who also win Best of Breed compete in the Main Group Only.