

- ETHICAL BREEDERS
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FLOW SHEET FOR DOG SHOW CLASSES

REGULAR CLASSES:

- 3 to 6 Month Puppy Males (award PUPPY WINNERS DOG)
- 6 to 9 Month Junior Puppy Males
- 9 to 12 Month Junior Puppy Males
- 12 to 18 Month Males
- Novice Males (any male 12 months of age or older that has not won two first places in Novice class or one first place in Bred By Exhibitor or Open, nor has three or more points toward their championship)
- Veteran Males (intact males over 6 years old)
- Bred By Exhibitor Males
- Open Males
- WINNERS DOG (first place males from each class over 6 months of age compete)
- RESERVE WINNERS DOG (second place male from the class that the winners dog came from brought in to compete with remaining first place males from the Winners Dog class)
- JUNIOR PUPPY WINNERS DOG (first place males from 6-9 month and 9-12 month classes compete)
- 3 to 6 Month Puppy Females (award PUPPY WINNERS BITCH)
- 6 to 9 Month Junior Puppy Females
- 9 to 12 Month Junior Puppy Females
- 12 to 18 Month Females
- Novice Females (any female 12 months of age or older that has not won two first places in Novice class or one first place in Bred By Exhibitor or Open, nor has three or more points toward their championship)
- Veteran Females (intact females over 6 years old)
- Bred By Exhibitor Females

- Open Females
- WINNERS BITCH (first place females from each class over 6 months of age compete)
- RESERVE WINNERS BITCH (second place female from the class that the winners bitch came from brought in to compete with remaining first place females from the Winners Bitch class)
- JUNIOR PUPPY WINNERS BITCH (first place females from 6-9 month and 9-12 month classes compete)
- BEST OF BREED (breed champions only) and BEST OF WINNERS (Winners Dog and Winners Bitch enter ring with all Breed Champions of both sexes)
- BEST JUNIOR PUPPY IN BREED (Junior Puppy Winners Dog and Junior Puppy Winners Bitch compete)
- BEST PUPPY IN BREED (Puppy Winners Dog and Puppy Winners Bitch compete)

SPECIAL CLASSES:

- COMPANION WINNERS DOG (altered, non-champion males)
- COMPANION WINNERS BITCH (altered, non-champion females)
- BEST COMPANION (Companion Winners Dog and Companion Winners Bitch compete)
- CHAMPION COMPANION WINNERS DOG (altered, champion males)
- CHAMPION COMPANION WINNERS BITCH (altered, champion females)
- BEST CHAMPION COMPANION (Champion Companion Winners Dog and Champion Companion Winners Bitch compete)
- BEST PROGENY SIRE (sire and offspring)
- BEST PROGENY DAM (dam and offspring)
- BEST PROGENY (Best Progeny Sire and Best Progeny Dam compete with their offspring)
- JUNIOR HANDLING (any age handler up to 18 years that is able to physically control the dog)

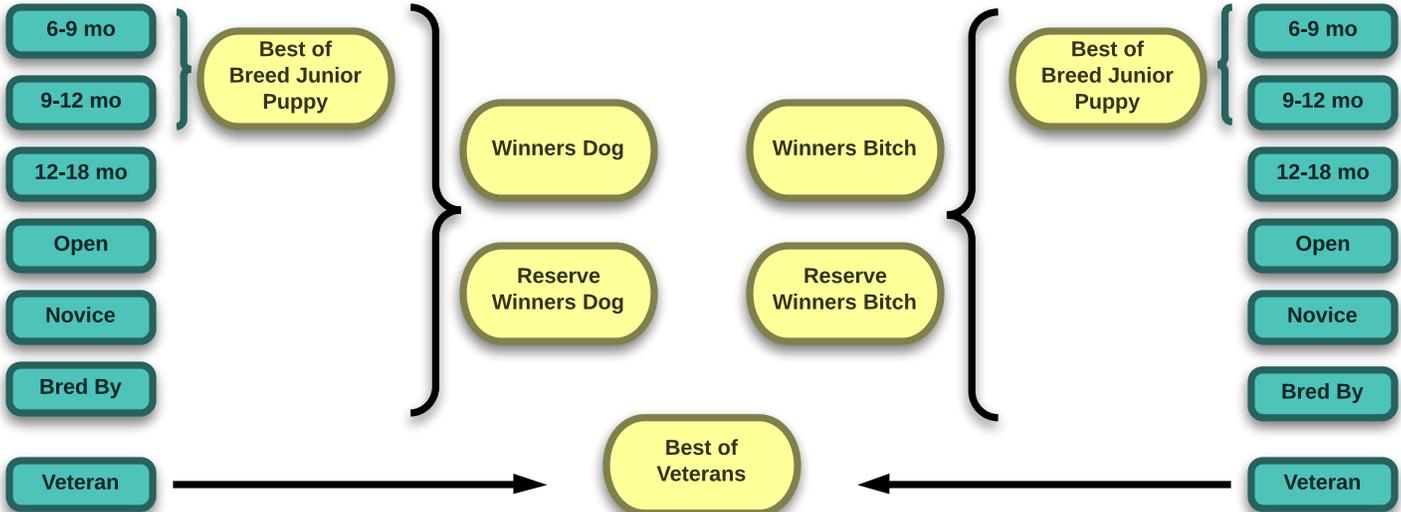
1. Puppies (Baby Puppies)



2. Regular Classes

Dogs

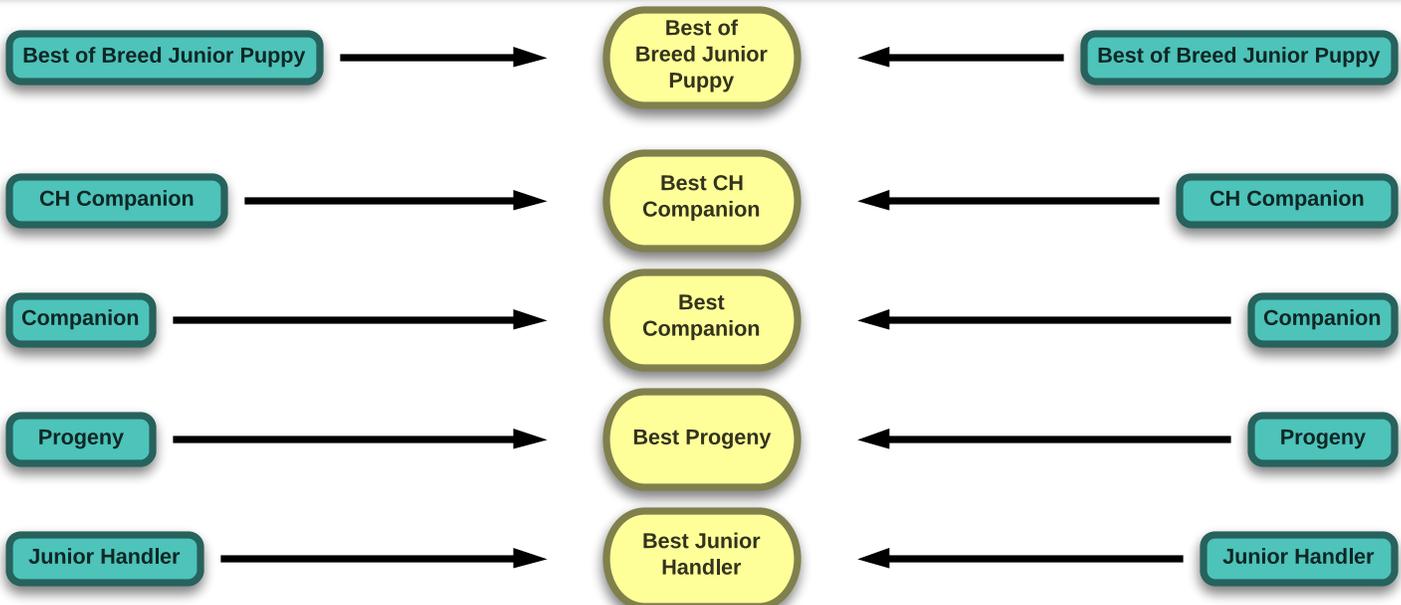
Bitches



3. Best of Breed



4. Special Classes





SHOW PROCESS

Definitions

Gender

In this document, capitalized “Dog” will refer to competing males, “Bitch” will refer to competing females, and “dog/s” will refer to dogs in general and no specific gender.

Specialty

A Specialty is a dog show in which a single breed competes. The top dog in a Specialty will win a Best of Breed competition.

In an all-breed show, dogs of the same breed compete against each other first. Then each of the Best of Breed winners compete for Best of Group (Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting, Herding) and the Group winners compete for Best in Show.

Points and Champions

Dogs earn points for each major or minor competition that they win. The number of points awarded depends on the number of dogs competing for that category, so more competition in the ring can earn more points; however, there is a maximum of 5 points earned per show. A Dog or Bitch is declared a Champion once it has earned 15 total points (including previous shows) and will retain the title Champion for life. The classes listed below with an asterisk are eligible to earn points. Those without an asterisk may be still be awarded a ribbon or rosette, but will not earn points toward a championship.

Classes

Classes define how the dogs are divided by age and other categories for competition. “Class” dogs have not yet earned enough points to finish their championship.

Puppy (sometimes referred to as *baby puppy*): 2-6 months (puppies can be up to 6 months, but cannot be 6 months old yet)

Junior Puppy*: 6-9 Months (not yet 9 months) & 9-12 Months (not yet 12 months)

12-18 Months*

Novice*: Any dog 12 months of age or older that has not won two 1st Place ribbons in Novice class or one 1st Place in Bred by Exhibitor or Open class, nor has earned three or more points toward its championship

Bred by Exhibitor*: The dog’s handler is also its breeder; a professional handler is not engaged to exhibit the dog in the ring

Open*: Non-championed, intact dogs that do not meet the previous criteria

Special classes

Veteran: An intact dog, championed or not, 7 years of age or older

Companion Winners Dog/Bitch: altered, non-champion

Champion Companion Winners Dog/Bitch: altered, champion

Progeny Sire/Dam: Sire or dam and first generation offspring

Junior Handler: A handler up to 18 years old who is able to physically control the dog in the ring

Abbreviations

Winners Dog – WD	Winners Bitch – WB
Reserve Winners Dog - RWD	Reserve Winners Bitch – RWB
Best of Breed – BOB	Best in Show – BIS
Best of Winners - BOW	Best of Opposite – BOS
Best of Breed in Specialty – BOB Spec	Best of Breed Junior Puppy – BOB Jr
Best of Breed Puppy – BOB Pup	Champion - CH

Judging Standards

Each dog is assessed according to the breed standard *as the judge understands and interprets it*. This point is key to remember, because judging can be quite subjective, and while one judge may be partial to dogs with small ears and proper tail set, another judge may prefer tall dogs with great movement. Though there can be several dogs in the ring at once, they are not being compared to each other beyond how closely they do or do not meet the written standard.

The judge evaluates each dog on four factors that are outlined in the standard:

1. Conformation – the dog’s body structure, how it’s “put together”
2. Physical characteristics – specifics for Shilohs include ear shape and height, tail carriage, skin pigment, and eye shape, plus many others
3. Temperament – the dog’s personality and attitude
4. Movement – the dog’s gait and foot placement when it trots

Show process and flow

The ring steward will announce the show start time, usually 10-15 minutes prior so that handlers can prepare their dogs. Before the show begins, the steward will discuss the Show Tally Sheet with the judge. The Tally Sheet lists all the registered dogs in each class and must be updated after each competition with the winning results. Some judges like to mark the sheet themselves, while others prefer the steward keep track of which dogs earn which ribbons.

When the judge is ready for dogs to enter the ring, the steward will notify the judge how many dogs are registered in that particular class then call out the gender, class and the armband numbers of the dogs competing. For example, “Male puppies, numbers 101, 104 and 107.” Do not call the dogs or handlers by name – many judges consider this a form of possible bias and it is inappropriate. It is the steward’s responsibility to ensure all dogs enter the ring, are lined up numerically, and that the armband numbers match the Tally Sheet list. If a dog is missing, the steward will note it on the sheet and alert the judge to the change.

A dog and armband number will be called three times – if the dog and handler do not appear after three calls, they will be marked as absent.

Dogs will always compete first, then Bitches.

At ISSDC events, we often show the Baby Puppies first and finish their competition completely before starting the rest of the Class dogs since Baby Puppies do not move forward in the show process to compete against older dogs.

Puppy Dogs compete first for the Puppy Winners Dog, and then Bitches for Puppy Winners Bitch. The two Winners compete for Best Puppy in Breed.

When the judge makes the final decision on which dogs win a class, the steward should have the trophies, ribbons and/or rosettes on hand. The steward passes the 1st Place item to the judge, who will present it to the 1st Place winner. Then the judge will return for the 2nd Place item to present, then the 3rd.

Each exhibitor should present their armband number to the steward to record their place win before exiting the ring.

Class dogs will show next. First, all the Dogs will compete by class, from 6-9 Months through Open. The 1st Place Dog from each class will return to the ring after the Open winners are announced to compete for Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Dog (essentially, 2nd Place). The dogs who were awarded 2nd Place in their class should remain ring-side during this time. Whichever class dog is awarded Winners, that class's 2nd Place dog will return to the ring to compete for Reserve Winners Dog.

For example, if the Jr. Puppy Male is awarded WD, then the 2nd Place Jr. Puppy Male will re-enter the ring and compete for Reserve Winners Dog with all the 1st Place Dogs from the other Classes.

Next all the female Bitches will compete in the same process for Winners Bitch and Reserve Winners Bitch. Winners Dog and Winners Bitch will move forward to compete against each other for Best of Winners, and with Champion dogs for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite.

Veteran Dogs will compete for 1st Place, then Veteran Bitches. The two 1st Place winners will move forward to compete in the Best of Breed ring.

Unless the judge asks for a different line-up, the ring steward will call the Champion Dogs in numerical order, then the Bitches, then the Veterans, then the Winners Dog and Bitch. As the Best of Breed ring is often quite numerous, the ring steward will assist the judge in keeping everyone properly lined up and accounted for. The judge may decide to split the ring, and ask the Bitches to leave to create more space while the Dogs are being assessed. When the judge has finished with the Dogs, they will leave the ring and the Bitches will return. If the group is split, all exhibitors should stay close to the ring area and remain alert for the judge's next instructions.

All dogs in this group compete for the Best of Breed award. The Best of Opposite award goes to the best dog of the opposite sex from the dog that won Best of Breed. So, if a Bitch wins Best of Breed, a Dog will be awarded Best of Opposite and vice versa.

The Best of Winners is only competed between the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch. If there is not a Winners dog of both genders, the BOW will not be awarded. If the BOW dog falls in either the 6-9 or 9-12 month class, then that dog will automatically earn the Junior Puppy Winners Dog (aka Junior Puppy Best of Breed) award, and it will not be competed after the Champions ring.

Once Best of Breed, Opposite and Winners are announced, the 1st Place Dogs from the 6-9 Month class and the 9-12 Month class return to the ring to compete for Junior Puppy Winners Dog. The two Bitches compete for Junior Puppy Winners Bitch, and then the two winners compete for Best Junior Puppy in Breed.

Finally, the Special classes are competed: Companion Winners Dog, then Bitch, then Best Companion; Champion Companion Winners Dog, then Bitch, then Best Champion Companion; Best Progeny Sire – progeny in this class should be lined up behind the parent in age from oldest to youngest – then Dam, then Best Progeny; the show ends with Junior Handlers.

Resources:

General overview of dog shows – http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conformation_show

Comprehensive glossary of show terms with some cheeky humor –

<http://www.showdogs.org/NipissingKC/glossary.htm>

Another overview of shows – <http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/dogshows/aboutdogshows.html>