



OFFICIAL RULES OF DOG BEAUTY EXHIBITIONS

Approved by the Board of Directors
With the assent of the Central Technical Commission

PREMISE

In all dog shows the well-being of dogs must have absolute priority.

GENERAL RULES

Art. 1

This special regulation establishes the rules governing national and international dog shows recognized by the WDF.

Art. 2

Dog shows are canine tests in which dogs are subjected to the examination and judgment of their beauty and external conformation, both in relation to the official standard of the breed to which they belong and specifically, reference is made to the standards of the countries of origin recognized by the WDF.

Qualifications relating to the absolute value of the dogs in relation to the characteristics of their breed derive from the examination of the subjects presented, while the comparison between the same results in rankings in relation to the relative value between them of the participating subjects with aptitude for the Ring.

For each class, only the first 3 subjects are classified by sex and by breed, it being understood that all the dogs presented are qualified and their judgment commented on in the relative report.

Art. 3

Dog shows, in relation to the qualifications that can be issued in them, are divided into:

- ✓ National exhibitions (in this exhibition the certificate of aptitude for the National Championship is issued)
- ✓ International exhibitions (in this exhibition the certificate of aptitude for the National and International Championships is issued);
- ✓ Rallies (events organized by the specialized association with special regulations previously approved by the WDF - the expert judges are authorized to issue the certificate of aptitude for the National Beauty Championship).

In relation to the dog breeds that are the subject of an exhibition, this can be:

- a) general, when it includes all races;
- b) special, when it is organized by the competent specialized association and takes place as part of a general exhibition.

The exhibitions can also take place over one or more days and in one or more shifts. In this case, the breeds and varieties presented in the first and subsequent rounds must be indicated in the program and in the catalog, with the warning to conclude each group in a single shift.

BREEDS ALLOWED

Art. 4

The breeds and varieties to which the dogs presented in exhibitions or shows organized in Italy must belong are those included in the list of dog breeds recognized by the WDF.

The Organizing Committees will check to report in the catalog only dogs belonging to breeds whose

standard is definitively or provisionally recognized by the WDF and which are registered in the Breed Register or in the Experimental Register, pending approval by a WDF Partner Country or a Non-member country whose Herd Book is still recognized by the latter.

Canine subjects enrolled in the competition (who have passed the phenotypic recognition), but not yet in possession of the Genealogical Certificate, even if they cannot aspire to the titles, can compete for the BOB and Best in Show, always if they have obtained the 1st excellent in their Class.

PROGRAMS

Art. 5

Within two months from the date of each event, the WDF must receive the draft of the program with the indication of the jury and, attached, copies of the acceptance letters of the judges or a declaration signed by the president of the organizing committee in which the composition of the jury is announced.

The WDF will respond within 15 days of receipt. It will not take responsibility for the approval of the jury for drafts received after the deadline.

If the contest for the prizes of honor is foreseen, it is mandatory to indicate the jury on the program and the starting time between 15:00 and 16:30, with the possibility of derogation depending on the environmental conditions. In national dog shows recognized by the WDF, the printed publication of the program is mandatory.

This must specify all the elements necessary to allow participants to be aware of the main rules established for the event; it must contain, among other things:

- a) The exact location and date of the event;
- b) The headquarters of the organizing committee;
- c) The names of the expert judges with a detailed indication of the breeds entrusted to each;
- d) The prospectus of the classes that will be disputed;
- e) Start time of judgments;
- f) An indication, even summary, of the prizes up for grabs;
- g) One or more registration forms for dogs at the show;
- h) The precise indication that the exhibition takes place according to the WDF regulations
- i) They are optional elements that may also be omitted from the program, especially if not yet known at the time of its publication, but which must be published in the catalog:
The detailed list of honor and special awards and their destination.

REGISTRATION OF COMPETITORS

Art. 6

All dog shows and breed gatherings can participate in all dogs of breeds recognized by the WDF system.

The application for the registration of a dog to an exhibition (and the relative payment, also made within the deadline) must be formulated on the appropriate form using the methods dictated by the Kennel Club organizing the event.

It is possible to register also on site within one hour before the start of the event, although online registration is recommended and appreciated, for the purposes of a better general organization.

The closing date for online registrations must be considered irrevocable.

Entries containing obviously incorrect data may be corrected by the organizing committee, such as class changes due to age restrictions, or due to the lack of data necessary for access to the working class, or for the non-production of the homologation of samples. For those who want to compete in the champion class. With regard to obvious errors but not detectable or not detected by the organizing committee (sex, breed, age limit for access to classes, size, color or variety of coat), the WDF Delegate is given the right to make exposure, those changes that it deems necessary in order to avoid the exclusion of the subject from the judgment.

When reviewing the reports of the expert judges, the Kennel Club organizing the event will always

be able to automatically cancel the rankings and qualifications issued to dogs that have competed in classes in which they could not be registered.

Art. 7

They will not be able to participate in competing shows that have suspensions in progress imposed by the Kennel Club Disciplinary Commission organizing the event or registered in the interdiction lists of the WDF itself.

CAC

Art. 8

The Certificates of aptitude for the National Beauty Championship (CAC) can be awarded by the expert WDF judges:

A CAC for the best male and best female dogs in the Intermediate, Free, Work, Winner, Champion and Foreign Champions classes for all dog breeds, which can be assigned at the discretion of the WDF Expert Judge.

The expert judges will be able to award the CAC only to those who have achieved the qualification of first excellent in the single evaluation.

Each CAC and released on display, will be approved in the secretariat the same day before the end of the event and transcribed in the official WDF qualifying booklet.

Those who do not have a qualification book will not be able to withdraw any qualifications or certificates and therefore will transfer the right to withdraw to the second classified after them in the same class that has received the evaluation of 2 ° excellent.

At the end of the single evaluation in the classes thus divided, (Intermediate, Free and Work), (Winner, Champions and Foreign Champions) there will be a play-off for a final assignment of the best representative of his race to access the Best in Show of his Category. , Adult and Champions.

However, it is well specified that the issue of the CAC is always left to the faculty and discretion of the expert judge who judged the subjects in the event in progress, formulating their qualifications and rankings.

Therefore, the expert judge has no obligation to issue these certificates to dogs, even if they are qualified Excellent and class winners, which he does not consider deserving of such distinctions with which he in fact assumes the personal responsibility of reporting the dogs to the WDF. Deserving of the proclamation as National Beauty Champion.

CACIB

Art. 9

The certificates of aptitude for the international beauty championship (CACIB) may be proposed by the expert judges only in international exhibitions, recognized and accepted as such by the WDF and limited to the breeds marked with the number in the official list.

A CACIB to the best male and best female dogs of the Intermediate, Free, Work, Winner, Champion and Foreign Champions classes for all dog breeds, which can be assigned at the discretion of the WDF Expert Judge.

The expert judges will be able to award the CACIB only to those who have obtained the CAC certificate.

Each CACIB and released on display, will be approved in the secretariat the same day before the end of the event and transcribed in the official WDF qualifying booklet.

Individuals without a qualification book will not be able to withdraw any qualifications or certificates and therefore will assign the right of withdrawal to the deserving subject chosen by the Judge among the first with CAC assigned.

However, it is well specified that the issue of the CACIB is always left to the faculty and discretion of the expert judge who judged the subjects in the event in progress, formulating their qualifications and rankings.

The expert judge is obliged to issue the CACIB to the person to whom he assigned the CAC only if

there were no play-offs between classes, otherwise he will be entitled to decide who to assign the CACIB to.

CAJC

Art. 10

The Certificates of aptitude for the Junior National Beauty Championship (CAJC) can be awarded by the expert WDF judges:

One CAJC for the very young and young classes for all dog breeds belonging to the 10 WDF groups.

The expert judges will be able to award only one CAJC to the most beautiful male dog and one to the most beautiful female of each breed, both for the Young and Giovanissimi class, without distinction of varieties that have achieved the qualification of first excellent belonging to the official list of breeds. Canine approved by the WDF.

Each CAJC and released on display, will be approved in the secretariat the same day before the end of the event and transcribed in the official WDF qualifying booklet.

Those who do not have a qualification book will not be able to withdraw any qualifications or certificates and therefore will transfer the right to withdraw to the second classified after them in the same class that has received the evaluation of 2 ° excellent.

At the end of the single evaluation in the class there will be a play-off for the BOB and BOS for both classes, with the final assignment of the best young breed to access the BIS Junior

However, it is well specified that the issue of the CAJC is always left to the faculty and discretion of the expert judge who judged the subjects in the event in progress, formulating their qualifications and rankings.

BEST BREED REPRESENTATIVE

Art. 11

The "Best Breed Representative" with the acronym "BBR", is assigned by the judge, with the following criteria:

A direct comparison between the BOB subjects who have overcome the direct challenge in their categories, that is, the best among the very young and young; the best among Intermediate, Free and Work; the best among the Winners, Champions and Foreign Champions.

This honor does not affect the BIS, but is awarded as a comparative competition for the breed.

CLASSES

Art. 12

The classes are divided by gender and those admitted to recognized exhibitions are the following:

Baby Class: for dogs aged between 3 and 6 months. In this class neither the CAJC, the CAC, the CACIB can be awarded. These subjects cannot participate in the training of couples, breeding groups, or in the play-off for the best of breed.

Puppy class: for dogs aged between 6 months and 9 months. Neither the CAJC, the CAC and the CACIB can be awarded in this class. These subjects cannot participate in the training of couples, breeding groups, or in the play-off for the best of breed

Youth class: for dogs aged between 9 months and 12 months. In this class the CAJC can be awarded, and he can compete for the title of best of breed provided he has obtained the qualification of 1st Excellent. These subjects can participate in the formation of couples, breeding groups. Neither the CAC nor the CACIB can be awarded in this class.

Young Class: for dogs aged between 12 months and 18 months. In this class the CAJC can be

awarded, and he can compete for the title of best of breed provided he has obtained the qualification of 1st Excellent. These subjects can participate in the formation of couples, breeding groups. Neither the CAC nor the CACIB can be awarded in this class.

The very young and young classes will go to the play-off for the assignment of the Best of Young Breed and the subsequent admission to the BIS Young.

The aptitude certificates will be assigned at the discretion of the Expert Judge to both male and female subjects of each class listed above.

Intermediate Class: for dogs aged between 15 and 24 months of age. In this class the national CAC for the Annual championship is also up for grabs. These subjects can participate in the training of couples, breeding groups as well as in the playoff for the best of breed.

In this class, the assignment of the CACIB is foreseen in the context of the International Exhibition and beyond.

Open Class: it is open to all dogs of at least 18 months of age. In this class the national CAC for the Annual championship is also up for grabs. These subjects can participate in the training of couples, breeding groups as well as in the playoff for the best of breed.

In this class, the assignment of the CACIB is foreseen in the context of the International Exhibition and beyond.

Working Class: for dogs of at least 18 months of age. In this class the national CAC is also up for grabs for the Annual championship for breeds subjected to working tests, except for resolutions of the Board of Directors.

To enroll in the working class, minimum qualifications are required in defined tests as required by the respective sporting regulations.

For all subjects enrolled in the working class, the test carried out, the date and place where the qualification was obtained to be admitted to this class must be specified on the registration form.

Dogs registered in the WDF Breeds Register must obtain the minimum qualification required in national or foreign tests recognized by the WDF, to access the working class. For subjects of foreign origin recognized by the WDF, the qualifications recognized by the WDF obtained prior to their registration in the Register are considered valid. These subjects can participate in the training of couples, breeding groups as well as in the playoff for the best of breed.

In this class, the assignment of the CACIB is foreseen in the context of the International Exhibition and beyond.

Winner class: registration in this class is mandatory for adults, who at the time of their registration at the show are in possession of 4 (four) CAC aptitude certificates according to the WDF regulations. The national CAC for the annual championship. Enrollment in this class must be accompanied by the qualification booklet certifying the possession of the requirements. These subjects can participate in the training of couples, breeding groups as well as in the playoff for the best of breed.

In this class, the assignment of the CACIB is foreseen in the context of the International Exhibition and beyond.

Champion Class: registration in this class is mandatory for national beauty champions (WDF), who have been proclaimed as such at the time of their registration at the exhibition. The title of Champion. In this class the national CAC for the Annual championship is also up for grabs. These subjects can participate in the training of couples, breeding groups as well as in the playoff for the best of breed.

In this class, the assignment of the CACIB is foreseen in the context of the International Exhibition and beyond.

Foreign Champion Class: registration in this class is mandatory for national beauty champions (WDF) from member countries, who have been proclaimed as such at the time of their registration for the exhibition. The title of World Champion or European Champion does not give the right to enroll in the champion class. In this class the national CAC for the Annual championship is also up for grabs. Enrollment in this class must be accompanied by a copy of the document certifying that the subject has been proclaimed as a sample. These subjects can participate in the training of couples, breeding groups as well as in the playoff for the best of breed. In this class, the assignment of the CACIB is foreseen in the context of the International Exhibition and beyond.

Veteran class: for dogs over 10 years of age. Neither the CAC nor the CACIB can be awarded in this class. These subjects participate in the formation of couples, of breeding groups, The subject BOB Veterani will go by right to the BIS Veterani.

Out of competition class: dogs registered in this class can participate in the breeding group if deemed "admissible" by the judge. In addition, registrations in this class entitle the holder to measurement for confirmation of the size or breed for the breeds where applicable.

The registration of "out of competition" subjects may take place upon payment of a specific fee indicated in the program and they will appear in the catalog with the indication "out of competition". Neither qualifications nor rankings will be released in the out-of-competition class. For subjects of at least 6 months who aspire to be registered in the Breeds Register, there will be an evaluation in a special ring for the certificate of typicality.

For all classes, the date considered valid for the purpose of determining the age is the day the dog is presented at the show.

The simultaneous registration of a dog in several classes is prohibited.

In addition to the above recognized classes, a dog can compete in comparative competitions divided as follows:

Couple: for two male and female subjects of the same breed and variety, belonging to the same owner or registered by the breeder and registered in the event and for which the relative judgment has been drawn up in the relevant class.

Breeding Group: consists of a minimum of three and a maximum of five subjects of the same breed and variety, without distinction of sex, produced by the same breeder, even if not owned by him, registered in the catalog of the event and presented in a class that gives the right upon registration with the Breeding Group.

Dogs competing in pairs or in breeding must be registered and presented in an exhibition class. The prizes reserved for couples and groups will be disputed in the ring in which the race was judged. The prizes reserved for breeding groups will be disputed in the ring of honor. In the rallies, in addition to the aforementioned classes, those for breeders and babies may also be disputed.

PHENOTYPICAL RECOGNITION OF THE BREED

Art. 13

Registration in the Register of Breeds recognized by the WDF world system is open for all breeds whose world registers are open in the WDF, who aspire to obtain the first registration as progenitors. The judgment is performed by an expert qualified judge, in the class it can also be performed by a foreign expert judge if the breed is foreign. The expert judge will issue, after identifying the subject by reading and transcribing the tattoo / microchip, the Certificate of Typicality to subjects possessing the characteristics of the breed.

The subjects registered on display in the class for the achievement of the Certificate of Typicality as founders, if not qualified at least VERY GOOD, will not be able to reappear in another event. The organizing committee is required to report dogs that have not achieved typicality.

OWNERSHIP OF DOGS

Art. 14

All dogs must be owned by those under whose name they appear registered at the show, and also have been so on the day of the closing of registrations. Only breeders are allowed to register dogs owned by others at the show in pairs and groups as long as they come from their own breeding. Co-ownership dog registrations are not allowed.

It is a strict obligation of exhibitors to inform the exhibition secretariat of all changes in ownership that have occurred since the closing of registrations at the time of the start of the exhibition, without which the dogs will be and must be retained, for the purposes of obtaining and the assignment of prizes owned by the previous holder.

EXCLUSIONS

Art. 15

Dog registrations that are owned by persons suspended, expelled or disqualified by the delegates of the WDF or by the WDF itself or by another foreign company federated to the WDF will be refused, without the right to reimbursement of the fees already paid.

The following cannot be judged, without the right to reimburse the registration fees:

- a) Dogs suffering from skin diseases and any other disease, contagious or not;
- b) Dogs that have undergone any voluntary modification or make-up intended to conceal a defect that can be transmitted by reproduction. Except for those breeds for which the standard recognizes such practices as necessary;
- c) Blind or crippled dogs;
- d) Enognate, monorchid, cryptorchid dogs with incomplete development of one or both testicles. Such individuals must be disqualified. The procedure to be followed by the expert judge in compiling the judgment sheet for disqualified dogs is: to propose disqualification, indicating the reasons only on the judgment sheet; request the intervention of the WDF Delegate who will be responsible for withdrawing both the judging sheet and the qualification booklet. These documents (card and booklet) must be delivered to the WDF by the Delegate.
- e) Dogs of different ages from that indicated on the form and for which they are not eligible for the Class in which they are registered (It will be at the discretion of the WDF Delegate to decide on any change of class);
- f) Females in heat (It will be at the discretion of the WDF Delegate to decide on his possible participation);
- g) Females clearly lactating;

In the event of a dispute, the WDF Delegate will make an unappealable decision on any related decisions.

The subjects registered in the exhibitions must be judged in the conditions in which they are presented, any veterinary certificates documenting traumatic impairments will be taken into account. The expert judge will have to evaluate, according to his unquestionable judgment, the nature of the impairment and its influence on the possibility of judging the subject or not.

It will be considered valid certification approved only by the Kennel Club certifying the completeness of the teeth before the acquired defect.

The presidents, the councilors, and the members of the organizing committees of dog shows, including the events organized by the Specialized Associations, cannot register or present dogs in the shows they organize.

KIT AND PRESENTATION OF THE DOG

Art. 16

Each person presented at an event must be equipped with a soft collar, a leash, a Carrier or Kennel,

a health booklet and a qualification booklet, for the latter with the exception of those enrolled in classes where the issue of qualifications is not foreseen and for dogs registered in a foreign origin book.

It is forbidden to alter the structure and color of the hair, skin or nose, however the use of brush, comb and scissors is allowed. It is forbidden to leave the dog tied to the grooming table for longer than the time required for preparation.

The person who presents a dog at the beginning of the trial (Handler) must remain until the end of the trial, unless the expert judge agrees to change the presenter.

In the rings where there are calls, noises or double presentations, the expert judge will have to suspend the judgment until the intervention of the event manager.

ORDER OF ENTRY

Art. 17

At the opening of the event, exhibitors will receive a numbered tag for each dog presented, which must be displayed in a visible way by the exhibitor in the ring at the time of judging. The number indicated on these tags will correspond to that indicated in the catalog. Dogs will be judged strictly following the catalog order.

PERMANENCE OF DOGS AT EXHIBITION

Art. 18

Duly registered dogs must be in the exhibition area at the time indicated in the program and will not be able to leave it before the end of the Single Judgments.

It is mandatory for all dogs on display to stay in the show for the entire duration of the shifts in which they participate. The early exit of a dog may be granted with the authorization of the organizing committee and the withdrawal of the Qualification Booklet.

INGRESSI E AMMISSIONI DEL PUBBLICO

Art. 19

The entry of exhibitors is scheduled in the hours prior to the start of the event.

The entrance to the exhibitions is also open to the public. The organizers have the right to establish the relative entrance fee.

CATALOGS

Art. 20

Without prejudice to the provisions contained in the General Regulations of events, it is specified that the printing of the catalog is not compulsory for all national and international exhibitions recognized by the WDF and rallies.

The catalog must always contain:

- a) the date and place where the exhibition takes place, the starting time of the judgments and the ring of honor and the mandatory stay of the dogs on display;
- b) the name, address of the organizing committee and its composition;
- c) the list of expert judges with an indication of the breeds assigned to each, the name of the veterinarians on duty, etc;
- d) The name of the WDF delegate (s);
- e) the list of prizes;
- f) the numbered list (progressive without interruption starting from 1, bis numbers are not allowed) of the participating dogs, divided by group, by breed, by sex, by class, with the relative registration numbers in the Book of Breeds and with the indication of the name, the breed, the sex, the age, the color of the coat, the identification code, the parents as well as the name of the breeder and the owner. The list of dogs must be drawn up according to the order of the official list of breeds,

referred to in Annex No. 1 to this regulation. Additions to the catalog are not allowed except those authorized by the event manager.

Even in the catalogs it must always be specified that the exhibition takes place according to the WDF regulations whose logo must be on the cover. The WDF logo is also mandatory for international exhibitions. The catalog can be put up for sale on display to those who request it.

Exhibitors will receive a copy for free.

DELEGATE OF THE WDF

Art. 22

In each recognized event, the WDF reserves the right to officially appoint one or more delegates who have the faculties indicated in the General Regulations of recognized events and in the Regulations for the qualification of an Event Manager.

EXPERTS JUDGES

Art. 23

In events recognized by the WDF and rankings, qualifications and certificates are always issued exclusively by the expert WDF official judges who are indicated in the catalog for the races and judgments assigned to them.

Expert Judge of the WDF is a member, enrolled in the Register of Expert Judges as required by the disciplinary of the body of Expert Judges. The expert judge lends his work and performs his functions under the moral protection of the WDF to which he will have to appeal in case of need.

The expert judges will be designated in the ways indicated in the General Regulations of the events. They will decide on functional morphological characteristics strictly following the official breed standards described by the WDF.

Dogs with amputated tails and / or ears are allowed in accordance with the laws in force in the countries of origin and those of the country where the exhibition is held. The judgment of dogs with / without intact ears or with / without tails must take place without any discrimination and solely in accordance with the breed standard, to take into account the non-retroactivity of the same.

However, the expert judges must refuse to examine and judge any subject that is not registered in the lists received by the organizing committee of the exhibition, except for reasons of force majeure that involve variations, which in any case must always be authorized by the WDF delegate.

Only the expert judge authorized to judge is authorized to decide on the attribution of qualifications, placements and issuance of certificates. As far as this is concerned, he is obliged to do so without any outside help and / or interference from anyone. For organizational help, the ring commissioners and, if necessary, an interpreter are available to the expert judge.

The organizing committees are required to invite the expert judge in writing who must inform the organizing committee in writing for both acceptance and rejection. He is obliged to respect the commitments undertaken except for impediments for important reasons. If an expert judge cannot meet his commitments for an important reason, the exhibition organizing committee must be informed immediately by telephone, fax, e-mail or telegram. The inability to judge must be confirmed in writing. The organizing committee must keep faith with the invitation addressed to the expert judge. The eventual cancellation of the invitation is granted only for reasons of force majeure or following agreements with the expert judge concerned. If the organizing committee is forced to cancel the event, it is required to reimburse the expert judges for any expenses already incurred and documented. Otherwise, if the expert judge, for any reason other than "force majeure" or otherwise contemplated in the cases set out above, cannot respect his commitment to judge, he is obliged to meet any expenses already incurred by the Organizing Committee.

When invited to judge in an international exhibition, judges from countries that are not members of the WDF must fill in the standard questionnaire drawn up by the WDF which will be sent to them by the organizing committee and which must be completed and returned duly signed to the latter.

Expert judges from non-WDF member countries must, under all circumstances, comply with WDF

breed standards when participating in WDF recognized shows. The WDF standards of the breeds that are called to judge must be sent to them in due time before the show by the organizing committee.

Expert judges from non-WDF member countries or associated member countries can only judge breeds recognized by their national canine association.

Expert judges from non-WDF member countries must be fully informed in advance and in detail about the WDF Exhibition Regulations as well as other important procedural and regulatory information. The national canine organization of

The country where the exhibition takes place must provide this information in advance to the judges concerned.

The organizing committee of the exhibition must take care of welcoming the expert judge, according to the terms of a previously agreed agreement, from the moment of his arrival at the place of performance

Of the event in which he judges until the moment of his departure (normally includes the hours / day before and the hours / day following the exhibition).

All normal travel expenses must be reimbursed immediately upon arrival or, depending on the arrangements made, paid in advance.

Each expert judge must be assigned a delimited judging area (ring) of adequate size for the breeds and the number of dogs to be judged; the ground of the rings must be well leveled, with a clay surface or with well-cut grass or suitable flooring as long as it is not slippery. It is absolutely forbidden to land with an accentuated slope or with a ground covered by gravel or crushed stone, even small ones. The WDF delegate is required to check in advance whether the rings prepared by the organizers are suitable and of sufficient size for the breeds that will be judged in them.

Each expert judge must receive, by the organizing committee and at the beginning of his work, the appropriate report forms on which the dogs that during the day will be submitted to his judgment, which must be drawn up in national for expert Italian judges and in one of the official WDF languages for foreign judges. On these cards, the expert judge will mark the notes of the judgments issued, the qualifications and rankings issued, the CAJC, CAC and CACIB granted.

The WDF reserves the right to also have one or more aspiring judges or assistants attend the judgment of each expert judge, who, however, are not given any right to intervene in the judgment itself.

The organizing committees can assign a maximum of 80 dogs to an expert judge.

The organizing committees will therefore be required to warn the expert judges in advance that they have more than 80 dogs to be judged with a technical report and obtain their written approval.

RING COMMISSIONERS

Art. 24

During the judging, the expert judges will be assisted by one or more ring commissioners who, however, cannot and must not intervene in the judgment.

The organizing committees of the exhibition are responsible for designating the ring commissioners who must be identified through the appropriate Register of Ring Commissioners.

In the case of an expert foreign judge, at least one ring commissioner must be fluent in the language preferred by the expert judge, which must be one of the official WDF languages

The ring steward must have a good knowledge of the Exhibition Regulations according to the type of event for which he carries out his work.

The ring commissioner must perform the following tasks:

1. Gather the dogs by class;
2. Check absentees by class;
3. Report any change of tenant to the expert judge;
4. Write the judgment of the expert judge as required in the language indicated;
5. Take care of the compilation of the qualification booklets and the related forms,

providing for the return of all the material, at the end of the work of the expert judge, both to the interested parties and to the secretariat provided by the organizing committee;

6. Contact the WDF delegate for any inaccuracies found.
7. The organizing committees, after the event has taken place, will have to send the WDF the list of ring commissioners designated for each ring.

JUDGMENT IN EXHIBITIONS

Art. 25

The owners of the registered dogs must keep their subjects at the disposal of the expert judges from the beginning of the show until the end of the shifts in which they will have to participate.

During the judging they can access the rings only:

- ✓ The WDF delegate;
- ✓ The expert judge and the ring commissioners, the assistants, as well as the attendant in charge of the ring;
- ✓ The competitors called for judgment;
- ✓ Aspiring Kennel Club Licensed Judges.

Representatives of the organizing committee may temporarily enter it, but only for reasons of service.

Dogs not presented at the time of the call of the expert judge for judgment will lose the right to be judged without their owners being able to claim reimbursement of the registration fee.

For each subject examined, the expert judge will have to disclose the strengths and weaknesses found in the report, drawn up in the official language, which he is required to deliver to the exhibition secretariat.

At the secretariat of each exhibition there must always be a cinometer, a tape measure and a microchip reader available to expert judges who request it.

Art. 26

The judgment of a dog must always be summarized in the qualification that the expert judge must assign to each competitor, unless this is withdrawn before the judgment or is considered by the expert judge to be out of type, insufficient and, as such, not qualifiable. .

The qualifications that WDF expert judges can assign in recognized exhibitions are exclusively the following:

1. **EXCELLENT (ETC.):** this qualification must be attributed to a subject that clearly reflects the ideal standard of the breed - that is presented in perfect conditions - that creates a harmonious and balanced whole - that has "class" and a brilliant gait. It must impose itself on account of its great qualities, and must possess the characteristics of the sex to which it belongs.
2. **VERY GOOD (V.G.):** this qualification must be attributed to the subject perfectly in type, balanced in its proportions - in good physical condition. Some will be tolerated venial defect, but not morphological. This qualification can only reward a quality dog.
3. **GOOD (G.):** this qualification must be attributed to a dog that possesses the characteristics of the breed, while accusing slight defects, provided however that these are not redhibitors.
4. **DISQUALIFIED (DS.):** Can be attributed to a dog that has eliminating defects compared to the standard, it will always be attributed if the subject presents disqualification defects contemplated in the breed standard. The Delegate of the WDF will have to acquire the dog's data, withdraw the qualification booklet and then transmit them to the WDF. However, with the authorization of the Expert, it will be possible to fill in a description on the evaluation sheet.
5. **NOT JUDGABLE (N.J.):** this judgment is attributed to a dog that does not move, jumps continuously or tries to leave the ring making it impossible to judge its movement and posture. It is also attributed to a dog that refuses to be examined by the expert judge, making it impossible to evaluate the teeth, anatomy and structure, tail and testicles. Dogs in which the expert judge identifies traces of operations or interventions are also interested. This judgment is also valid when the expert judge has reason to think that the operations

were done to correct the original condition of the dog or its characteristics (eyelid, ear, tail).

The reason why this judgment is given must be reported on the judgment sheet.

Those who cannot be judged will not be able to stay in the ring.

In the Puppy (6-9 months) and Baby (3-6 months) class, judgments will be issued which, at the time of the dog's exposure, reflect the assumptions of the subject's future morphological evolution.

The qualification booklet is not mandatory.

The expert judges of the WDF can assign the following qualifications exclusively in baby and Puppy class in recognized shows:

- Very Promising (V.P.);
- Promising (P);
- Fairly Promising (F.P.).

Sulla base delle qualifiche assegnate, l'esperto giudice procederà poi ad eseguire la classifica in ordine di merito dei concorrenti. Per ogni razza vengono classificati solo i primi 3 soggetti di ogni sesso, fermo restando che tutti i cani presentati vengono qualificati ed il loro giudizio commentato nella relativa relazione.

Si classificheranno i tre cani migliori di ogni classe purché abbiano ottenuto il giudizio di almeno "MOLTO BUONO".

WITHDRAWAL OF THE QUALIFICATION BOOKLET

Art. 27

Based on the indications of the program, the expert judge will assign the prizes up for grabs, in any case to qualified individuals with at least Very Good.

At the end of the judgment, after the awarding of the prizes, and at the end of the grouping at the secretariat, it will be possible to collect a copy of the report form for each competitor; if he has achieved the CAJC, CAC or CACIB, or if he is the winner of one or more special honor prizes, the related approvals will be delivered, transcribed in the Qualification booklet.

After the delivery of the reports and the related qualification booklets to the exhibitors at the end of all judgments, at the secretariat, the expert judge will no longer be able to modify his judgment for any reason, nor change the qualifications or rankings, nor grant CAJC, CAC or CACIB nor award prizes.

The organizing committees will have to adopt the paper supports established and approved by the WDF. The jury will not be able to award prizes other than those listed in the catalog.

AWARDS

Art. 28

The prizes up for grabs in recognized exhibitions can be awarded based on the qualifications or rankings of the participants. The rules on the awarding of prizes and their amount must be specified in the catalogs.

Cash prizes are normally prohibited unless they have been offered by entities or persons outside the organization of the exhibition, in which case the will of the donors cannot obviously be changed; however, they must be specified in the catalog; all other prizes consisting of cups, medals, objects, etc., must be delivered to the winners during the event, except for those cases in which a complaint has been made or when, due to exhaustion of availability, it becomes necessary to provide partial ordering of missing prizes.

In this case, the prizes must be sent by the organizing committee within thirty days of the closing of the event.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Art. 29

Special prizes are at the discretion of the organizing committee at international and national exhibitions. The special prizes can only be awarded to dogs qualified at least "Very Good". In regional exhibitions, or on the occasion of special exhibitions and rallies organized by specialized associations, in addition to those indicated, other special prizes may be envisaged, which however must be allocated in a simple and linear way. On the occasion of special exhibitions, the association concerned may arrange for one of its appointees to work alongside the expert judge to assist him in the distribution of prizes. The trophies organized by the WDF are included in the special prizes.

RING OF HONOR

Art. 30

The honor prizes will be awarded as follows:

National and International Exhibitions.

- Best in Show Couples
- Best in Show Breeding Groups
- Best in Show Puppies
- Best in Show Junior
- Best in Show Adult
- Best in Show Champions
- Best in Show Veterans

The honor prizes intended as above must be, in the same exhibition, in the same number for each Best in Show.

These competitions must be judged in a specially prepared honor ring, by a single expert judge for each category.

He will have to designate a ranking of the top 5 as winners.

International or national exhibitions will therefore be able to give away another honor prize for the BBR - Best Breed Representative of the exhibition.

The names of the expert judges in charge of awarding the honor prizes must be indicated on the program and in the exhibition catalog.

In the ring of honor, a prize will be offered among the best couples of each race.

In the event that the shows take place in two shifts, the dispute must be limited to the breeds presented on each single day.

For the award of the breeding group prizes, the expert judge will proceed on the basis of the homogeneity of the subjects rather than in relation to the individual qualifications achieved.

In the ring of honor, the organizing committee could foresee:

- ✓ Junior Handler Competition (optional);
- ✓ Best in Group (optional).

Any other initiatives communicated in advance to the WDF.

EXPERTS JUDGES OF THE HONOR AWARDS

Art. 31

To judge one of the groups provided for the dispute of the prizes of honor, the expert judge must be authorized to judge the individual breeds included in that group. To judge the absolute best couple and breeding groups, as well as optional groups (puppies, juniors, veterans), the expert judge must be qualified to judge at least two groups. To judge the absolute best dog of the show

(Best in Show), the expert judge must be authorized to judge all groups.

An expert judge will not be able to judge in international exhibitions the same grouping of honor prizes or the competition for the absolute best subject if not at least two months after the one in which he previously judged and in national ones if not after a month of time or over 200 km. of distance.

DUTIES OF EXHIBITORS AND THE PUBLIC

Art. 32

Dog owners and / or their handlers, all those who present dogs on display or help to present them and anyone related to dogs competing in recognized events owe the utmost respect and deference to the expert judges, to the representatives of the WDF, to the members of the committee. Organizer and other competitors, under penalty of exclusion from the event by the WDF delegate who must inform the WDF through the "Delegate's Report".

Competitors must strictly comply with the regulations of the WDF and the organizing committee. Punctuality is not only a disciplinary duty but a duty of courtesy and sportsmanship.

Those who delay in presenting themselves to the expert judge when called will be excluded from the judgment.

It is forbidden for anyone to address observations or complaints to the expert judges.

Those who believe they have reason to make complaints or complaints or for any reason, may do so in the manner provided for by the regulation with a specific written complaint to the Event Manager who, if deemed appropriate, may intervene quickly for the necessary checks.

The judgment of the expert judge is to be considered unquestionable.

SERIOUS FAILURES

Art. 33

Anyone who publicly pronounces offensive words towards the expert judges or other competitors or refuses to submit to a decision of the first or the delegate of the WDF, or who commits acts of indiscipline or lack against them, can be immediately suspended from the event in progress by the expert. Judge himself or by the delegate of the WDF and will be reported to the institutional bodies of the WDF as far as their competence is concerned.

COMPLAINTS

Art. 34

Complaints with a request for intervention must be drawn up in writing and delivered to the Head of the event on the day of the event before the end of the judgment of the breed itself and no later than, otherwise they will be evaluated in the National Headquarters by the Disciplinary Commission.

RESPONSIBILITY

Art. 35

The organizing committee of the exhibition will take all appropriate and best arrangements for the good treatment and safety of the people and dogs present, without however, under any aspect or reason, assume any responsibility for damage, illness, escape, death or theft. of dogs or objects.

VARIOUS

Art. 36

For cases not covered by this regulation, reference is made to the general regulation of canine events recognized by the WDF, the statute and other social regulations as well as the rules subsequently approved by the Board of Directors.

CLOSING OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNIOR CHAMPION

Art. 37

For the Junior Champion Title it is issued upon obtaining: 4 (four) CAJC (WDF) certificates issued by at least three different Experts.

The CAJC Certificate (WDF) is awarded only for the Giovanissimi and Giovani classes.

Kennel Clubs established and registered with reduced population density will make a written request to the WDF for verification of numerical reduction of titles.

NATIONAL CHAMPION

Art. 38

To obtain the title of National Champion it will be necessary to obtain 6 (six) CAC (WDF) certificates issued by at least 4 (four) different Experts, one of which at the International Exhibition. The CAC Certificate (WDF) is issued starting from the Intermediate Class.

It will be possible to obtain the same degree for each year of the person's life up to the age of 10.

For the national champion of another member country it will be necessary to have at least 3 (three) CACs of his own country or with a national championship already acquired and to participate for the champion of that host nation by direct route.

Kennel Clubs established and registered with reduced population density will make a written request to the WDF for verification of numerical reduction of titles.

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION

Art. 39

The Title of International Champion is obtained by receiving 6 (six) CACIB (WDF) certificates from 4 (four) different experts in international level competitions in your country, or from 3 (three) CACIB (WDF) received as follows: 2 (two) certificates issued by the country of origin and 1 (one) issued at an international level event in a member country (WDF).

The CACIB certificate (WDF) is awarded starting from the Intermediate Class.

Kennel Clubs established and registered with reduced population density will make a written request to the WDF for verification of numerical reduction of titles.

BIG CHAMPION

Art. 40

The title of Grand Champion can be awarded upon obtaining three National Champion Titles, or one national title from one's own country and 2 from other member countries. A highly prestigious title can only be awarded once in a Subject's life.

MULTI CHAMPION

Art. 41

The title of Greatest and most esteemed Multi-Champion Level It is assigned to the subject who will have obtained during his exhibition career:

- ✓ 1 (one) Big Champions;
- ✓ 1 (one) International Champions;
- ✓ 3 (three) National Champions titles from as many member states recognized by WDF.

This highly prestigious Title can only be awarded once in a Subject's life.

The Expert Commission



The Central Technical Commission WDF

