

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 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.

Art. 3

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

- regional exhibitions (in this exhibition the certificate of aptitude for the Regional Championship is issued);
- 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).
- World Championship (with direct release of the title of World Champion of the current year)

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 Registry or in the waiting list of a WDF Member Country or a country not

member whose Herd Book is in any case recognized by the latter, or of the breeds that are not yet recognized (neither definitively nor provisionally) by the WDF. In this case, the breed must be recognized at national level and must have obtained a genealogical certificate issued by the WDF.

These breeds must appear in the catalog in a special section: breeds not recognized by the WDF. The subjects of the WDF breeds not yet officially recognized (provisionally recognized breeds), even if they cannot aspire to the CACIB, can compete for the Best of Breed and Best in Show, provided 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, in attachment, the copies of the acceptance letters of the judges or a declaration signed by the president of the organizing committee in which announce the composition of the jury.

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 there is a dispute for the prizes of honor, 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 seat of the organizing committee;
- c) the names of the expert judges;
- d) start time of judgments;
- e) the national rates that will be applied for registrations and the terms for acceptance of the same;
- 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.

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:

REGISTRATION OF COMPETITORS

Art. 6

All dogs and dogs registered in a member country of the WDF or in a country not affiliated but whose origin book is recognized by the WDF can participate in all shows and breed rallies. Exceptions are those who aspire to obtain registration for Race Recognition and who for this purpose are registered in the exhibition.

The application for the registration of a dog to an exhibition (and the related payment, also made within the deadline) must be formulated on the appropriate digital form through the Official website of the organizing nation in the dedicated section.

Online registrations for international and national dog shows are scheduled to close one week before the event, and for on-site registrations with a surcharge on the registration fee.

The closing date for entries must be considered irrevocable.

Entries must be entered for each subject, and must indicate the pedigree certificate number assigned to it, date and place of the event, email and telephone number, Class of Registration in which it competes, and any notes.

Therefore, since the exhibitor alone has the right and duty to indicate the above data, entries containing obviously incorrect data may be corrected by the organizing committee, such as class changes due to age restrictions, or due to lack of data necessary for access to the working class, or for the non-production of the homologation of samples for the subjects 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 Delegate is given the right to make, during the exhibition, 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 WDF will always be able to cancel ex officio the rankings and qualifications issued to dogs that have competed in classes in which they could not be enrolled.

Art. 7

They will not be able to participate in competing shows that have suspensions in progress imposed by the Disciplinary Commission of the national organization or registered in the interdiction lists of the club itself.

REGISTRATION FEES

Art. 8

Dog registrations for shows recognized by the WDF must be accompanied by the amount of the relative taxes which cannot be higher than those approved by the WDF Board of Directors.

The members of the national club in good standing with the payment of the annual fee, who register a number of subjects, even of different races, greater than four, will be entitled to a discount defined by the organization of the event, and these discounts can never be higher, to the extent that will be established by the Governing Council of the organizing committee.

The registration fees will not be refunded for dogs that are irregularly registered and for those who, registered, had not been exhibited or who, on display, have not been qualified by the expert judge or who are in the conditions indicated in the general regulations. The reimbursement of bitches in heat will be reduced by the amount of the catalog and the rights of the organizing committee of the event.

CAC

Art. 9

The Certificates of aptitude for the National Beauty Championship (CAC) can be assigned by the expert judges in the following ways:

- a CAC in the working class for all breeds subjected to a patent work test;
- a CAC can be assigned to the classes: Champion, Winner, Free, Work and Intermediate indiscriminately for all dog breeds belonging to the WDF groupings, which can be assigned at the discretion of the federated Expert Judge.

The expert judges will be able to award only one CAC to the best male and one to the best female of each breed, of the same class, without distinction of varieties that have achieved the qualification of first excellent belonging to the official list of dog breeds approved by the WDF. In the intermediate and free classes, the CAC reserve is assigned by comparing the subject ranked second in the ranking of the winning class with the 1st Excellent dog of the remaining class.

For each CAC issued on display, the expert judge will have to sign the appropriate cards of the type prescribed by the WDF and previously filled in by the ring commissioners before delivering them to the presenters of the dogs to which they have been assigned.

However, it remains 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 their qualifications and rankings.

Therefore, the expert judge has no obligation to issue such 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 national club. deserving of the proclamation as National Beauty Champion.

CACIB

Art. 10

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. The expert judges will be able to propose the assignment of only one CACIB to the most beautiful male dog and to the most beautiful female of each breed, without distinction of variety among those enrolled in the champion class, W inner, separately free, work, intermediate and not only have achieved the qualification of first Excellent, but which also possess exceptional qualities.

The definitive attribution of the CACIB will only take place after approval by the organizing committee. In this regard, the rules of the WDF regulation indicated as annexed to this Regulation apply.

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.

CAJC

Art. 11

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

- a CAJC for the very young and young classes for all dog breeds belonging to the canine groupings.

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

For each CAJC released on display, the expert judge must sign the appropriate cards of the type prescribed by the WDF and previously filled in by the ring commissioners before delivering them to the dog presenters to whom they have been assigned.

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 OF BREED

Art. 12

The "Best of Breed" is awarded by the judge, with the following criteria:

- In national exhibitions only one prize after comparing the excellent qualified subjects and classified first in the Champion, Winner, Free, Work and Intermediate classes and taking into account the distinctions of variety;
- In international exhibitions, the subjects who have obtained the CACIB and the first Excellent in the Champion, Winner, Free, Work, and Intermediate class are compared.

A person qualified as Excellent who has not obtained the CACIB cannot obtain the right to participate in the assignment of honor prizes in the Groupings.

In the breeds, divided into several varieties, the prize for the Best of Breed is, however, always unique. On the comparative results of the competitions are determined:

Best in Show BIS.

Best of Breed BOB.

Best opposite sex BOS

Best Junior in Show BIS-J.

Best Baby in Show BIS-B

Best Puppy in Show BIS-P

Best Veteran in Show BIS-V

CLASSES

Art. 13

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

- **Champion Class:** registration in this class is mandatory for National beauty champions, who have been proclaimed as such in accordance with the WDF regulations at the time of their registration for the exhibition. Registration in this class is optional for both international beauty champions and foreign champions (regardless of the country of origin in which these subjects are registered in the Herd Book) and at the time of their registration (without closure) they are champions have already been proclaimed according to WDF regulations or in force in different countries. The title of World Champion or European Champion does not entitle to enrollment in the champion class. In this class the national CAC is also up for grabs for the Annual championship and the CACIB limited to international exhibitions. Enrollment in this class must be accompanied by a copy of the document certifying the successful proclamation of the subject 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.

- **Winner class:** registration in this class is mandatory for adults, who at the time of their registration at the exhibition are in possession of 4 (four) CAC aptitude certificates according to the WDF regulations. In this class the national CAC for the annual championship is up for grabs. 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.

- **Open Class:** for all dogs of at least 18 months of age without limitations The CAC and the reserve will be able to be assigned by comparing the Champion, Winner, Libera, Lavoro and Intermedia class as per art. 9, The CACIB is up for grabs in this class limited to international exhibitions. These subjects can participate in the training of couples, breeding groups as well as in the playoff for the best of breed.

- **Working class:** for dogs of at least 15 months of age. In this class, the CAC and the reserve for breeds subjected to work tests are up for grabs, except for resolutions of the Board of Directors, at the request of recognized specialized breed associations. For enrollment in the working class, minimum qualifications are required in defined tests as required by the respective 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. In this class, the CAC and CACIB are up for grabs, the latter limited to international exhibitions. 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.

- **Intermediate Class:** for dogs aged between 15 and 24 months with no other limitations except those foreseen for the champion class. The CAC and the reserve can be assigned comparing the Champion, Winner, Libera, Lavoro and Intermedia class as per art. 9, The CACIB is up for grabs in this class limited to international exhibitions. These subjects can participate in the training of couples, breeding groups as well as in the playoff for the best of breed.

- **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 training of couples, breeding groups as well as in the playoff for the best of breed. Neither the CAC nor the CACIB can be awarded in this class.

- **Youth class:** for dogs aged between 9 months and 12 months. The CAJC can be awarded in this class, and can compete for the title of best of breed as long as it has obtained the qualification of 1st Excellent. These subjects can participate in the training of couples, breeding groups as well as in the playoff for the best of breed. Neither the CAC nor the CACIB can be awarded in this class.

- **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, nor in the play-off for the best of breed

- **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, nor in the play-off for the best of breed.

- **Veteran class:** for dogs over 10 years of age. Neither the CAC nor the CACIB can be awarded in this class. He can compete for the title of best of breed as long as he has obtained the qualification of 1st excellent. These subjects participate in the formation of pairs, breeding groups as well as in the play-off for the best of breed.

- **Out of competition class,** dogs registered in this class can participate in the breeding group if deemed "admissible" by the judge. Furthermore, registrations in this class entitle the holder to measurement for the confirmation of the size or breed recognition 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 not appear in the catalog. 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. The acceptance in this class of subjects under the age prescribed for admission to breed recognition is prohibited. 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 as: Couple: for two male and female subjects of the same breed and variety, belonging to the same owner and registered in the catalog of the event and for which the relative judgment has been drawn up in its class. In the ring of honor the 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 to enroll in 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 held.

Junior: at the discretion of the organizing committee it is possible to combine the two Giovanissimi and Giovani classes in a single class called Junior for dogs aged between 9 months and 18 months. The CAJC can be awarded in this class, and can compete for the title of best of breed as long as it has obtained the qualification of 1st Excellent. These subjects cannot participate in the training of couples, breeding groups as well as in the play-off for the best of breed. Neither the CAC nor the CACIB can be awarded in this class.

RECOGNITION OF BREED

Art. 14

Registration in the Register of Breeds is currently open for all breeds, who aspire to obtain the first registration as progenitors, and for those, already registered in this Register for at least three generations, who aspire to be definitively registered in the Register of Stingray. The judgment is carried out by an expert qualified judge. Judging in the class 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 the subjects possessing the characteristics of the breed.

Subjects who aspire to obtain Race Recognition cannot compete in a class of the show and not even in pairs or groups.

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 to the national club the dogs that have not achieved the typicality, and the subjects that must be reported in NFB and therefore not suitable for breeding.

OWNERSHIP OF DOGS

Art. 15

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-owned 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 held, for the purposes of achieving the assignment of prizes owned by the previous holder.

EXCLUSIONS

Art. 16

The registrations of dogs that are owned by persons suspended, expelled or disqualified by the delegates of the committee 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 form for disqualified dogs is: to propose disqualification, indicating the reasons only on the judgment form; request the intervention of the Delegate responsible for the day who will be responsible for collecting both the judging sheet and the qualification booklet. These documents (form and booklet) must be delivered to the committee 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 enrolled;
- f) females in heat;
- g) females clearly lactating;

In cases of dispute, except for point e), the service veterinarian or the Delegate in his temporary absence will decide without appeal.

The subjects registered in the exhibitions must be judged in the conditions in which they are presented taking into account any veterinary certificates documenting traumatic impairments.

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 certifying the completeness of the teeth before the acquired defect.

In any case, qualifications higher than those allowed by the breed standards and regulations cannot be attributed in the presence of the impairments found.

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. 17

Each person presented at an event must be equipped with a soft collar, a leash, a Carrier or Kennel, a health card and a qualification booklet, for the latter with the exception of those enrolled in classes where no qualifications are required 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 delegate.

ORDER OF ENTRY

Art. 18

At the opening of the event, exhibitors will receive a numbered tag for each dog presented, which must be visibly worn 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. The dogs will be judged strictly following the catalog order.

PERMANENCE OF DOGS AT EXPOSURE

Art. 19

Duly registered dogs must be in the exhibition area at the time indicated in the program and will not be able to abandon 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. The subjects who have obtained the title of best of breed must necessarily present themselves in the honor ring.

ADMISSIONS AND ADMISSIONS OF THE PUBLIC

Art. 20

The entry of exhibitors is scheduled from 8 to 10.00.

The entrance to the exhibitions is also open to the public. It is up to the organizers to establish the relative entrance fee.

WDF members have the right of free admission to all events organized or recognized by the WDF throughout the country.

The members of the organizing committee, provided they have the social card issued by the Club valid for the current year, have the right to free admission to events organized by the association to which they belong.

The organizing committees are invited to display the list of breeds judged on every single day at the entrance to international exhibitions in order to allow the public prior knowledge of the breeds on display

CATALOGS

Art. 21

Without prejudice to the provisions contained in the General Regulations of events, it is specified that the printing of the catalog is 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 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 Herd Book 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, as per Annex No. 1 to this regulation. Additions to the catalog are not allowed except those authorized by the delegate.

Even in the catalogs it must always be specified that the exhibition takes place according to the regulations of the WDF 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.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

Art. 22

An organizing committee, in order to hold a special breed show as part of its event, must first obtain written authorization from the specialized association, which will propose a trio of national and / or foreign expert judges.

WDF DELEGATE

Art. 23

In each recognized event, the national club reserves the right to officially appoint one or more delegates who are entitled to the faculties indicated in the General Regulations for recognized events and in the Regulations for the qualification of a WDF Delegate.

EXPERTS JUDGES

Art. 24

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

the WDF Expert Judge is a member, enrolled in the Register of Expert Judges as required by the regulations of the body of experts. 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 for events. They will decide on functional morphological characteristics strictly adhering to the official standards of the breeds.

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 changes, 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 he 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 stewards of the ring, if necessary, must speak one of the languages spoken by 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 at 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 standards (WDF) 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 and are obliged to know the rules in an impeccable manner. The national canine organization of the country where the show 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 an agreement previously made, from the moment of his arrival at the place where the event is held in which he judges until the moment of his departure (normally includes the hours / day before and hours / day following the exposure). All normal travel expenses must be reimbursed immediately upon arrival or, depending on the arrangements made, or paid in advance.

Art. 25

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 dirt ground or well-mown 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.

Art. 26

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 the expert National 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, and the related Reserves, as well as the best of breed. The cards must be of the type approved by the WDF which will provide them to the organizing committees upon specific request and for a fee.

The WDF reserves the right to also have one or more aspiring judges or assistants present at 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: 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 four languages used in the WDF

The ring commissioner 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:

- gather the dogs by class;
- check absentees by class;
- report any change of tenant to the expert judge;
- write the judgment of the expert judge as required in the language indicated;
- 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;
- contact the WDF delegate for any inaccuracies found.

The organizing committees, after the event has taken place, will have to send the club the list of ring commissioners designated for each ring.

JUDGMENT IN THE EXHIBITIONS

Art. 27

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:

- a) the WDF delegate;
- b) the expert judge and the ring commissioners, the assistants, as well as the attendant in charge of the ring;
- c) the competitors called for judgment;
- d) aspiring judges authorized by the WDF.

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. 28

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:

- **EXCELLENT (EXC.):** 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 it belongs to.

- **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.

- **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.

- **DISQUALIFIED (SQ.):** 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 WDF Delegate will have to acquire the dog's data, collect the qualification booklet and then transmit them to the club. However, with the authorization of the Expert, it will be possible to fill in a description on the evaluation sheet.

- **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 believe 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 cannot remain 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 future morphological evolution of the subject. 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:

o **Very Promising (V.P.);**

o **Promising (P);**

o **Fairly Promising (F.P.).**

The CACIB can only be awarded to the best dog, female and male, classified first Excellent in the champion, free, intermediate, working classes.

The CAC can only be awarded to the best dog, female and male, classified first Excellent in the free, intermediate, Champions and work classes.oth of these certificates do not necessarily accompany the first place in the ranking.

Art. 29

Based on the qualifications assigned, the expert judge will then proceed to perform the ranking in order of merit of the competitors. For each breed, only the first 4 subjects of each sex and class are classified, it being understood that all the dogs presented are qualified and their judgment commented in the relative report.

The four best dogs of each class will be classified as long as they have obtained the rating of at least "VERY GOOD".

The Race Recognition judgment constitutes an exception to this rule. where the expert judge will not issue qualifications or rankings but will only grant the certificate of typicality (C.T.) to dogs deemed deserving.

Art. 30

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 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 cards will also be awarded.

After the delivery of the reports and 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. 31

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. 32

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.

HONOR AWARDS

Art. 33

The honor prizes intended for groups must be, in the same exhibition, in the same number for each grouping of breeds.

These competitions must be judged in a specially prepared honor ring, by a single expert judge for each grouping of breeds, who may be National or foreign, as long as he is qualified to judge all the breeds of the group. He will have to designate a winner and one or two reserves for each grouping. The organizing committees that so wish will be able to allocate an honor prize also for the reserves.

He must be called into the ring to compete for the awarding of these prizes, respectively: the absolute best subject of each breed, designated by the expert judge who judged the breed in the manner described in Article 11.

International or national exhibitions will therefore be able to give away another honor prize for the absolute best subject of the exhibition.

The winners of the breed groupings will be able to compete for the prize for the absolute best subject of the exhibition.

The expert judge must be single, national or foreign, he must designate a winner and one or two reserves. The organizing committees who wish to do so will be able to allocate an honor prize also for the reserves.

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. This prize will be disputed with all the races gathered. In the event that the exhibition takes place in two rounds, the prize will be disputed limited to the breeds presented on each single day.

The prizes for the breeding groups will be disputed with all the breeds gathered.

In the event that the shows take place in two shifts, the dispute must be limited to the breeds presented in 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 must provide:

- a) junior handler competition (optional);
- b) best puppy (optional);
- c) best youngster (optional);
- d) best veteran (optional);
- e) couples (mandatory);
- f) breeding groups (mandatory);
- g) grouping of local breeds (judged by an expert local or foreign judge, qualified for Best in Show as All Breed (mandatory);
- h) best in show (mandatory);

i) any other initiatives communicated in advance to WDF.

EXPERTS JUDGES OF THE HONOR AWARDS

Art. 34

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 authorized to judge at least two groups. To judge the absolute best dog of the show (Best in Show), the expert judge must be qualified to judge all five 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. 35

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 organizing committee 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 trial.

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

Anyone who believes they have reason to make complaints or claims or for any reason, may do so in the manner provided for by the regulation with a specific written complaint to the WDF Delegate who, if deemed appropriate, may intervene quickly for the necessary checks.

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

Art. 36

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. 37

Complaints with a request for intervention must be drawn up in writing and delivered to the WDF delegate 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. 38

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, assuming any responsibility for damage, illness, escape, death or theft. of dogs or objects, except for those cases falling within the agreements for the stipulation of mandatory insurance policies.

VARIOUS

Art. 39

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

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS AND MEETINGS OF BREED

Art. 40

A "special exhibition" is defined as the event granted by the competent specialized association in the context of a national or international general exhibition.

The term "gathering" means a zootechnical inspection organized by the competent specialized association recognized by the WDF.

The gathering can also be held in the context of international exhibitions on the day in which the breeds concerned are not exhibited on the same day. In this case, the technical responsibility lies with the organizing committee of the exhibition. It is understood that the specialized association must collaborate for the success of the gathering.

For individuals under the age of 9 months, specific qualifications will be issued (as required by the article

29) and a ranking will be drawn up.

Requests for homologation will be sent to the national club in writing by the specialized associations at least three months before the date of the event by sending a copy for information to the WDF delegation competent for the area and to the regional dog council which will have to issue their opinion on the matter.

Meetings at a distance of less than 200 km from national or international exhibitions or rallies organized by the same association cannot be approved.

Programs must be planned and disseminated.

In the "special exhibitions" the classes are those provided for in Article 12 of these regulations.

In the "rallies", the classes referred to in Article 12 of this regulation must be provided for.

The following classes can also be played:

- baby (for dogs aged between 3 and 6 months). The CAC cannot be awarded in this class. These subjects cannot participate in the formation of couples, groups, breeding groups, nor in the play-off for the best of breed.

- Reproducers: for stallions or mares that appear in the class with a minimum of 5 male and / or female offspring, produced by at least two different matings.

The catalog is mandatory, it must be prepared before the start of the event and contain all the information provided for in article no. 21.

Also for the rallies, additions to the catalog are not allowed except for those authorized by the WDF delegate.

In gatherings, the WDF may designate a Delegate as required by the General Regulations for dog events.

The registrations to the rallies must be sent to the organizing committee, accompanied by the relative amount, at least seven days before the date of the event.

Registration fees cannot exceed the amount provided for international exhibitions.

Each specialized association will be assigned annually a number of "Special Meetings and Shows" based on the subjects registered in the Herd Book and on the basis of the criteria approved by the National Club's Board of Directors.

Specialized associations are obliged to organize at least one third of the events organized during the year as part of national and international exhibitions.

At least half of the rallies and special exhibitions must be judged by expert National judges.

Judges must be chosen as required by the general regulation of dog shows. The final ratification of the juries is the responsibility of the national club which does so by official designation to be sent to each expert judge and to the organizing committee.

For special exhibitions organized as part of national and international exhibitions, the Specialized Association must necessarily indicate to the organizing committee a list of at least three expert judges (national and / or foreign).

AWARD OF TITLES

Art.42

JUNIOR CHAMPION

For the Junior Champion Title it is issued upon obtaining: 3 (three) CAJC (WDF) certificates issued by at least two different Experts.

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

NATIONAL CHAMPION

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

For breeds protected by a Specialized Breed Club, it differs from the option for issuing the title, specifically one of the 4 (four) CACs must be obtained at the Mono Breed Show / Gathering.

For breeds subjected to work tests, it will be compulsory to obtain the patent or work test for the closing of the Championship.

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

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION

The Title of International Champion is obtained by receiving 3 (three) CACIB (WDF) certificates from three different experts in international level competitions, 2 (two) certificates issued by the country of origin and 1 (one) issued in an International level Event in a member country (WDF).

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

EUROPEAN CHAMPION / ASIAN CHAMPION / LATINO CHAMPION

The Intercontinental Champion Title is obtained by receiving 3 (three) National Champion titles within the range of the WDF member title basic example:

for European Champion it is necessary to become Champion in three countries within the perimeter of Europe.

BIG CHAMPION

The title of Great Champion can be awarded upon obtaining three National Champion Titles (WDF). A highly prestigious title can only be awarded once in a Subject's life.

MULTI CHAMPION

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;

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

The Board of Directors