

DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES
(The word DOG includes both sexes)

In the following definitions, a Challenge Certificate includes any Show award that counts towards the title of Champion under the Rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club. Wins at Championship Shows in breed classes where Challenge Certificates are not on offer shall be counted as wins at Open Shows.

In the case of a dog owned in partnership and entered in Members' classes or competing for Members' Specials each partner must at the time of entry be a member of the Society.

In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including the seventh day before the date of closing of postal entries shall be counted when entering for any class i.e.: **Monday 22nd July, 2019.**

Wins in Variety classes do not count for entry in Breed classes but when entering for Variety classes, wins in both Breed and Variety classes must be counted. A first prize does not include a Special Prize of whatever value.

If an exhibitor reports before the judging of a class or classes that a dog has been entered which is ineligible, the exhibitor may choose one of the following options:-

- (1) **WITHDRAWAL:** The dog may be withdrawn from competition subject to the conditions of Regulations 20.
- (2) **TRANSFER:**
 - a) If a dog is ineligible for a class or classes as regards its breed, colour, sex, weight or height the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the equivalent class or classes for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height and, in the event of there being no equivalent class, Minor Puppy and Puppy excepted to the Open class for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height.
 - b) If an exhibit is entered incorrectly in a Minor Puppy Class, Puppy Class or Junior Class, which is over age but under 12 calendar months of age, 18 calendar months of age or 24 calendar months of age respectively the show secretary shall transfer the exhibit to the Puppy Class, Junior Class, or Yearling Class respectively for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height and in the event of there being no Puppy, Junior or Yearling Class to the Open Class for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height.
 - c) For any reason other than the above, the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the Open class for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height.
If an exhibit arrives late and misses a class, even if it is the only class in which the dog is entered, the dog may not be transferred to any other class.

MINOR PUPPY	For dogs of six and not exceeding nine calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.
PUPPY	For dogs of six and not exceeding twelve calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.
JUNIOR	For dogs of six and not exceeding eighteen calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.
YEARLING	For dogs of twelve months and not exceeding twenty-four calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.
GRADUATE	For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate/ CACIB/CAC/Green Star or four or more First Prizes at Championship Shows in Graduate, Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, and Open classes, whether restricted or not where challenge certificates were offered for the breed.
POST GRADUATE	For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate/ CACIB/CAC/Green Star or five or more First Prizes at Championship Shows in Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit and Open classes, whether restricted or not where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed.
LIMIT	For dogs which have not become show Champions under the Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club, or won 3 or more CACIB/CAC/ Green Stars or won 7 or more First Prizes in all at Championship Shows in Limit or Open Classes confined to the Breed, whether restricted or not at Shows where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed.
OPEN IMPORTED BREED REGISTER	For all dogs of the breeds for which the class is provided and eligible for entry at the Show. For breeds confined to the Imported Breeds Register and only when an Interim Breed Standard has been published by the Kennel Club. Such breeds may be exhibited in this class only with the winning dog being eligible for best in group/best puppy in group or best in show/ best puppy in show as relevant.
VETERAN CHAMPION BRACE	For all dogs of not less than seven years of age on the day of the Show. For dogs which have been confirmed a Champion, Show Champion or Field Trial Champion. For 2 exhibits (either sex or mixed) of one breed belonging to the same exhibitor, each exhibit having been entered in some class other than Brace or Team.
BREEDERS NOT BRED BY EXHIBITOR NOT FOR COMPETITION	For dogs bred by the exhibitor For dogs not bred by the exhibitor. Societies may at their discretion, accept Not for Competition entries. Societies may accept such entries from breeds of dog not included within the title of the Society and at Shows held over more than one day, such entries may be accepted on any day from any breed.

DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS

Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

Soft Crates: The Kennel Club has asked that we draw attention to the potential health and safety implications concerning the use of soft crates as in its view, they do not offer sufficient protection to dogs. They have asked that we point out that dogs should not be left unattended in soft crates. There have been instances where dogs have escaped from soft crates which have not been securely fastened to benches, or that have been left at ringside.

We therefore ask that if you use soft crates, you do not leave the dogs unattended, either in the hall, or in an open car in the car park.