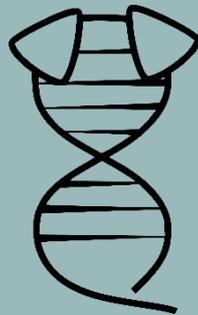




**CROSSBREED COMPETITION
RULES 2021 (CRUFTS 2022)**





A:

DEFINITION

The Kennel Club is delighted to announce an exciting new opportunity for owners of crossbreed dogs who wish to exhibit their dogs in a breed show like environment.

B:

CLASSES

There will be qualifying heats split into sub-classes based on age and dog height.

The categories are as follows:

06-11 Years

- Large & Intermediate Dogs
- Medium Dogs
- Small Dogs

12-17 Years

- Large & Intermediate Dogs
- Medium Dogs
- Small Dogs

18-24 Years

- Large & Intermediate Dogs
- Medium Dogs
- Small Dogs

The exact criteria of each of these categories will be explained later in this document

C:

HANDLERS

There will always be 3 separate age categories per class:

**6-11 Years**

(Handlers 6 years and up to, but not including 12th birthday)

**12-17 Years**

(Handlers 12 years and up to, but not including 18th birthday)

**18-24 Years**

(Handlers 18 years and up to, but not including 25th birthday)

There will be separate awards for each age group.

A handler may only exhibit once per class.

A handler should enter the age category they will be on the first day of the show. If the member would move up into another age group by Crufts, the YKC Office will invite them to compete in their new age group category.

In order to enter any YKC competition, you must be a fully paid-up member at the time of entry and competition. If you enter a Crufts qualifier and you have not previously paid your membership fee then any award will be forfeited.

D:

DOGS

In each age category there will always be 3 dog heights:

LARGE & INTERMEDIATE DOGS

Over 430mm at the withers

MEDIUM DOGS

Dogs 430mm and under but over 350mm at the withers

SMALL DOGS

Dogs 350mm and under at the withers

The height categories are in line with the current agility heights. If your dog does not compete in agility, you may approximately measure your own dog. The height ranges are a means to group the dogs, there is no advantage to be gained by entering a specific height.

Once your dog competes at a certain height, it must remain that height for the whole qualifying year

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DOGS (cont.)

Only dogs of six (6) calendar months of age and over on the day of competition are eligible for entry into an YKC Crossbreed class.

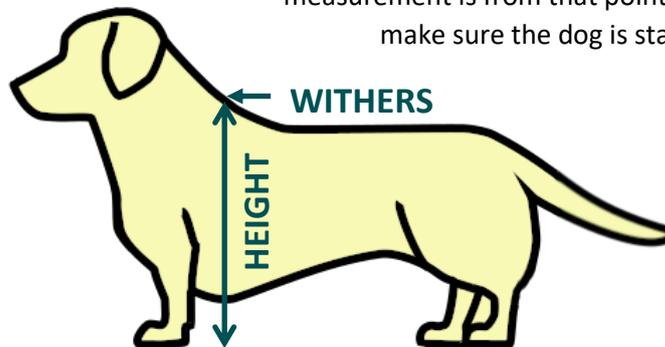
Dogs must be on the Kennel Club activities register to compete in a YKC Crossbreed competition.

Only Crossbreed dogs may enter this competition.

Once a dog has been entered under one handler, another handler may not use that dog in the Crossbreed competition for the remainder of that year

The dog does not need to be owned by the handler

The withers are the point of the dog's shoulder - the dog's height measurement is from that point to the ground. When measuring, make sure the dog is standing naturally on level ground.



E:

JUDGING CRITERIA

The judge will select a winner based on:

- The soundness of the dog's movement
- The temperament of the dog
- The condition of the dog's coat (where applicable)
- The condition of the dog's teeth
- The rapport between dog and handler

To select the winner, the judge may use the following:

- Pattern work (Triangle, Straight up and down etc)
- Hands on assessment of the dog

F:**CRUFTS QUALIFICATION**

Unfortunately, COVID19 has prohibited any crossbreed qualifying shows from occurring in the lead up to Crufts 2022.

As such we will be holding a ballot to determine who can compete at Crufts 2022.

In addition to the ballot, we will also be inviting the winners of each of the categories from Crufts 2020 to compete in the Crufts 2022 semi-finals if they are still eligible.

The ballot will comprise of an online form which will be accessible from early October 2021.

G:**COMPETING AT CRUFTS**

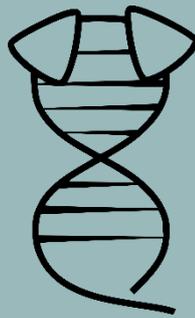
The semi-finals at Crufts will be conducted in the same manner as the qualifying heats, namely there will be one class split across 9 subdivisions (3x Age groups and 3x Dog heights)

At Crufts, each of the 9 subdivision semi-finals will not all fall on the same day. It is likely that all age groups will compete on the same day

The winner from each subdivision will then qualify to compete in the final (held on the Sunday) where all competitors will compete for a single set of awards to determine the winner and the reserve of the YKC Crossbreed of the Year competition



**CROSSBREED COMPETITION
JUDGING GUIDELINES**



A:

JUDGING

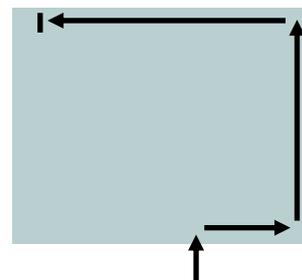
Judging for the YKC Crossbreed competition should aim to mirror what occurs in the Breed ring. All dog movements should be at the dog's trotting pace.

The order of proceedings should be as follows:

1: ENTERING THE RING

Competitors should enter the ring in single file leaving a gap between each dog. The first dog to enter the ring should stop along the opposite side to the one in which they entered.

(See across) →



2: LINING UP

When the first dog stops along the far ring edge, all the other dogs should stop in a single file line behind, making sure to leave enough room for a person to walk between their dog and the one in front and behind. The judge may walk up and down the line to view all the dogs lined up together.

3: INDIVIDUAL PATTERNS

When the judge is ready, the first dog and handler will walk to the judge where the judge will closely inspect the dog. The judge may touch the dog to examine the dog's construction.

Once the judge is happy, they will then ask the handler and dog to complete a pattern to see the dog in motion. (will be explained in detail on a subsequent page). Once the pattern work is completed, they should stand the dog sideways onto the judge to allow them one last look and then once the judge instructs them, they should join the end of the queue

4: FINAL CIRCUIT

The judge should ask all of the competitors to complete a lap of the ring at the same time (no dog is allowed to overtake) Once everyone is back in their original positions they should line up again (see step 2) and the judge may have one last final look.

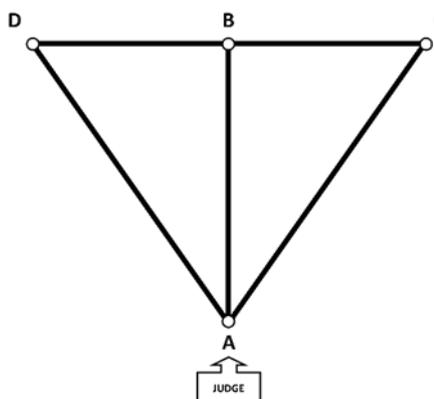
5: AWARDING PRIZES

The last thing to complete that the judges should award their prizes. The YKC will issue placings down to third in all 9 categories (A first place rosette for the winner and prize cards for first to third). When awarding the places, always award first place first (do not award in reverse order).

B:

PATTERN DEFINITIONS

The following section details the approved list of patterns that a judge may select from. The judge is permitted to ask the handler to complete the patterns as a standard exercise (dog on the handler's left side to begin) or as a reverse exercise (dog on the handler's right side to begin). Figure 1 - Handling Paths a) Individual Patterns

**The Triangle**

Standard Path: $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow A$

Description: 'The Triangle' should be made of 3 approximately equal length lines. The first straight line should begin with the handler and dog moving away from the judge towards the right hand side. The handler should then make a left turn, bringing the dog exactly perpendicular to the judges view and start the second straight line by proceed forward approximately the same distance as the first straight line. The Handler should then perform their final left turn to face the judge and proceed forward. At each of the corners, the handler should take the outside line with the dog on the handler's left hand side throughout. Handlers should not need to switch hands at corners "C" or "D"

Up and Down

Standard Path: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow A$

Description: The Up and down pattern should feature two straight lines, one directly away from, and one directly towards, the judge. The handler should set off in the direction that the judge's feet are pointing.