

YKC Young Kennel Club

HANDLING CRUFTS REGULATIONS

- Only dogs of six calendar months of age and over on the day of competition are eligible for entry into an YKC Handling class at Crufts.
- The YKC Office will place handlers in the correct division in accordance with their age group on the first day of Crufts
- Handlers who are aged 25 years by the first day of Crufts are no longer eligible for YKC membership and therefore cannot compete
- Handlers are only permitted to handle one dog in the handling competition at Crufts.
- Handlers can handle any dog at the Crufts finals (it does not have to be the dog that you qualified with), provided that it is on a Kennel Club register.
- If you qualify for Crufts your chosen dog will determine the day that you show in line with the groups (i.e. Toy, Utility, Terrier, Hound, Working, Pastoral or Gundog).
- If you are handling a crossbreed you will need to choose the group that the dog most resembles on your Crufts entry form.
- Dogs cannot be swapped or transferred after the closing date of entries i.e. once the Crufts entry has closed, dogs cannot be swapped.
- An extenuating circumstances policy will be used where circumstances are believed to be unforeseen, arising close to the show. The Young Kennel Club will consider each claim of extenuating circumstances on its own merit and as an individual case and all claims of extenuation made need to be supported by evidence of the dog's inability to take part in the final.

YKC SHOW HANDLER OF THE YEAR

- The first placed dog and handler in each age group per day at Crufts will qualify to go through to the **YKC Show Handler of the Year Final** which will be held on the last day of Crufts in the YKC ring.
- The overall winner will be declared the YKC Show Handler of the Year.