

## KENNEL CLUBS BREEDER COMPETITION

To recognise and support the commitment and talent shown by UK breeders the Kennel Club has created a new competition. **The Kennel Clubs Breeders Competition.** The competition creates a new arena where breeders can demonstrate their breeding skills and take pride in showing off their stock.

The new competition will start in January 2009 with a Crufts Final in 2010, the main features being :

Competition scheduled at all Championship shows for every breed, with or without CCs (Breed Club, Sub Group, Group and General Championship Shows included).

Entries can be made on the day of competition.

Breeders become eligible to enter by having bred four dogs being present and exhibited at that show in that breed.

Competition judged by the breed judge immediately after awarding Best of Breed and Best Puppy in Breed.

Best Breeder in Breed goes through to a Best Breeder Group Award.

A cumulative points system will be applied to all wins.

20 points available per calendar year. Points being awarded as follows

- 1 point for a breed win
- 4 points for a group win
- 3 points for a group second
- 2 points for a group third
- 1 point of a group fourth

After achieving 20 points in a calendar year breeders withdraw from the competition for the rest of the year

20 points required to qualify for Semi Final or Final at Crufts in following year. (The total number of successful qualifiers may dictate that additional heats or qualifications may be necessary to secure a place in the Final)

The official launch of this competition will be at the Manchester Dog Show 2009.

The BCCGB will be holding this competition at the 2009 Championship Show on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009.

To enter this competition you must obtain your BREEDERS COMPETITION RECORD BOOK. These being available from the Kennel Club online shop, contacting the Publications Department at the Kennel Club 0870 606 6750 ext 278 or obtaining one from the Kennel Club Roadshow that attends selected events. Full instructions on how to enter the competition and what information needs to be completed are detailed in the Record Book. It is the breeder's responsibility to keep the Record Book up to date and accurate.

At the show, determine if there are four dogs present that are all bred by you who can take part in the competition. Discuss entering the competition with the owners. Other owners are not obliged to take part in the competition. As soon as you know you have a team, complete the details in your record book and see the Show Secretary. There is no entry fee.

When called to the ring, present your record book to the steward to confirm your entry

You may enter more than one team but each team is to consist of four different dogs

The breeder is the breeder of record with the Kennel Club. The competition is open for UK residents only

The Kennel Club state it is not essential in all breeds to have a handler for each dog but also state the important thing is that the judge(s) can see the dogs properly and that the safety of dogs and people are maintained. Whilst it would be highly entertaining to see breeders being dragged across the ring at high speed, the committee insist on a minimum of two handlers for each team but recommend four handlers to a team for absolute control and safety.

The Club will have copies of the Record Book available at the Championship Shows

The competition will be judged by the Dog and Bitch Judge and Referee if required.

This is an abridged version of the documentation obtain and in this case applies to single breed shows. Feel free to email me or even better the Kennel Club for more detailed information.