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TABLE BREEDS

SPORTING

COCKER SPANIEL
ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL
NEDERLANDSE KOOIKERHONDJE

HOUNDS

BASENJI
ALL BEAGLES
PETIT BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN
ALL DACHSHUNDS
PORTUGUESE PODENGO PEQUENO

WORKING

DANISH-SWEDISH FARMDOG (*Misc. thru 12/31/24*)

TERRIERS

ALL TERRIERS **on TABLE, EXCEPT** those noted below
are examined **on the GROUND:**

AIREDALE TERRIER
AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER (or Ramp)
BULL TERRIER
IRISH TERRIER (or Ramp)
MINI BULL TERRIER (or Table or Ramp)
SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER (or Ramp)
STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER (or Ramp)

TOY - ALL TOY BREEDS ON TABLE

NON-SPORTING

ALL AMERICAN ESKIMOS
BICHON FRISE
BOSTON TERRIER
COTON DE TULEAR
FRENCH BULLDOG
LHASA APSO
LOWCHEN
MINIATURE POODLE
NORWEGIAN LUNDEHUND
SCHIPPERKE
SHIBA INU
TIBETAN SPANIEL
TIBETAN TERRIER
XOLOITZCUINTLI (Toy and Miniatures)

HERDING

CARDIGAN WELSH CORGI
LANCASHIRE HEELER
MINIATURE AMERICAN SHEPHERD
MUDI (or Ramp)
PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI
PULIK (or Ramp)
PUMI
PYRENEAN SHEPHERD
SHETLAND SHEEPDOG
SWEDISH VALLHUND

MISCELLANEOUS BREEDS

BOLOGNESE
GERMAN SPITZ (Small and Medium)
PERUVIAN INCA ORCHID (Small and Medium)
RUSSIAN TSVETNAYA BOLONKA
TEDDY ROOSEVELT TERRIER

RAMP OPTIONAL BREEDS (*NOTE: See next page for ramp emergency use information.*)

At the discretion of the judge through all levels of competition including group and Best in Show judging.

AMERICAN WATER SPANIEL	STANDARD SCHNAUZER	FINNISH LAPPHUND
BOYKIN SPANIEL	AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER	ICELANDIC SHEEPDOG
ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL	IRISH TERRIER	MUDI (or Table)
FIELD SPANIEL	MINIATURE BULL TERRIER (Ground/Table)	NORWEGIAN BUHUND
NS DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER	SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER	POLISH LOWLAND SHEEPDOG
WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL	STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER	PULI (or Table)
GRAND BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN	FINNISH SPITZ	SPANISH WATER DOG (<i>thru 2/25/25</i>)
WHIPPET	AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG	BASSET FAUVE DE BRETAGNE (Misc.)
GERMAN PINSCHER	ENTLEBUCHER MOUNTAIN DOG	NORRBOTTENSPET (Misc.)
PORTUGUESE WATER DOG (<i>eff. 1/29/25</i>)		

BREEDS THAT MUST BE JUDGED ON RAMP

Applies to all conformation competition associated with AKC conformation dog shows or at any event at which an AKC conformation title may be earned.

CLUMBER SPANIEL	BASSET HOUND	BULLDOGS	KEESHOND
LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO	CIRNECO DELL'ETNA	CHINESE SHAR-PEI	SPANISH WATER DOG (<i>eff. 2/26/25</i>)
SUSSEX SPANIEL	KERRY BLUE TERRIER	CHOW CHOW	

Breeds not listed above are to be judged on the ground.

NOTE: Ramps can be used in emergency situations to judge any breed. See next page for additional information.



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Use of Ramps: A Clarification

Background

The appropriate place to individually examine dogs during breed judging is designated by each parent club and AKC does not pre-empt their authority in this regard. Current list of table and ramp breeds may be found on the AKC website.

Table Breeds

Designated table breeds must be examined on an examination table. When re-examining them, they must be placed back on the table. No other breeds may be examined or otherwise considered during judging on an examination table. This does not apply to breeds that are eligible or required to be judged on the ramp during breed judging, when judging these breeds in the Group and/or Best in Show.

Ramp Breeds

A judge requesting the use of a ramp must give notice to the show superintendent/show secretary prior to judging. AKC approval is not required. Designated ramp breeds may be examined on the ground (table if applicable) or on a ramp during breed judging at the sole discretion of the judge and not the exhibitor. The entire entry in that breed is to be examined on the ground (table if applicable) or on a ramp. **Effective January 1, 2015, the ramp will be available at the discretion of the judge for all ramp optional breeds through all levels of competition including group and Best in Show judging.**

All Other Breeds

Breeds not designated as either table or ramp breeds may only be examined on the ground.
Exception: Miniature Bull Terriers may be examined on the ground, on a table or on a ramp.

Emergencies

In emergency situations, with the approval of the Show Chair, breeds customarily examined on the ground may be examined on a ramp, not on a table. An emergency is defined as a temporary condition that arose immediately prior to or at a dog show. Convalescence from a medical procedure, illness and recuperation from injuries are examples of conditions that are not emergencies. The emergency use of a ramp may be allowed on a day and may be extended to include a cluster as well as judging either a group and/or Best in Show.

When a ramp is used for non-ramp breeds in an emergency, the superintendent is to post appropriate signs at the ring and at the superintendent's office that must include notice that exhibitors are entitled to a refund of their entry fee. Field Staff is directed to report all instances of the emergency use of a ramp to Events and Judging Operations. If there is need thereafter, the following weekend for example, as in the past, a formal accommodation must be requested from our legal department.

AKC complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and wants to provide to all the opportunity to participate in its events.

However, according to the "Fitness to Judge Policy" as published in the Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges, approved May 2007, "It is essential that a dog show judge be physically capable of performing the functions necessary to properly judge dogs." A judge must have:

- The flexibility to examine all parts of a dog's anatomy where each breed is presented (i.e., on the ground, on a ramp or on a table).
- The capability of measuring or weighing a dog and examining on the ground, table or ramp where applicable.