

# AKC Ring Stewards

4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition

# 4-6 Month Puppy vs. Regular Conformation

- There is only one class for each breed/variety and it includes male and female dogs.
- There are no 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> placements for breeds, only Best of Breed/Variety and Best of Opposite Sex.
- Each Group is judged immediately after all the breeds in that Group have been judged.
- Ring Stewards must enter winners not only in the *Ring Steward's Book* but also in the *Judge's Group Book* and the *Judge's Best Puppy in Show Book*.

# Ring Steward Duties

- Distribute armbands to exhibitors.
- Check off picked-up armbands in the *Steward's Book*.
- Call dogs into the ring.
- Let the Judge know if there are any absent dogs.
- Pull ribbons needed for the dogs in the ring.
- Write the armband #s for Best of Breed/Variety and Best of Opposite Sex in the *Steward's Book* in the appropriate spaces.
- Write the armband number of the Best of Breed/Variety winner for each breed in the *Judge's Group Book*.
- Write the breed and armband # of the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner for each Group in the *Judge's Best in Show Book*.
- If a dog makes a mess in the ring, provide cleaning supplies to the exhibitor. (The exhibitor should clean up the mess but the steward can help by holding the dog's leash.)
- Set up, or have someone set up, the table or ramp when needed.

# 4-6 Month Puppy Ribbons

## **Breed/Variety**

- Best of Breed – Orange
- Best of Opposite Sex – Lavender

## **Groups**

- Group 1 – Rose
- Group 2 – Brown
- Group 3 – Light Green
- Group 4 – Gray

## **Best Four-to-Six Month Puppy in Show**

- Pink & Green

*There is also often a toy or treat for each puppy entered.*

# Breed Judging

**Note: Dogs and bitches are judged together in one class for each breed.**

- Hand out armbands and mark the *Steward's Book* as usual.
- Call the breed/variety into the ring for judging.
- Pull Best of Breed/Variety and Best of Opposite Sex ribbons.
- Write the armband # for Best of Breed/Variety and Best of Opposite Sex winners in the appropriate spaces in the *Steward's Book*.
- **Write the armband # for Best of Breed/Variety winner in the *Judge's Group Book* on the line for that breed/variety.**
- Make sure each puppy gets the toy/treat provided.

# Group Judging

**Note: Each Group is judged as soon as judging for all the breeds in that Group is completed.**

- Call the dogs into the ring.
- Pull 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> place Group ribbons.
- Write the breed and armband # for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> place in the appropriate spaces in the *Steward's Book*.
- Make sure the winners get any appropriate prizes.
- **Write the breed/variety and armband # of the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the *Judge's Best Puppy in Show Book*.**

NOTE: Do NOT abbreviate breed/variety names when you write them in the Judge's books.

# Best 4-6 Month Puppy In Show

- Call the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners from each Group into the ring.
- Pull the Best Puppy in Show ribbon.
- Write the breed/variety and armband # for Best Puppy In Show in the appropriate space in the *Steward's Book*.
- Make sure the Best Puppy In Show gets the appropriate prize.

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