

Special Regulations

Melbourne Royal *All Breeds*

Championship Show

Exhibitors must strictly observe the following conditions:

The Melbourne Royal All Breeds Championship Show (Show) is conducted under the General and Special Regulations of Melbourne Royal and the Rules and Regulations of Dogs Victoria (DV) and form part of the conditions of entry. These Special Regulations override any General Regulations where a conflict occurs. A copy of the Melbourne Royal General Regulations and DV Rules and Regulations may be inspected at the offices of Melbourne Royal or are available at www.melbournroyal.com.au.

Entries will be received in all sections of the Show subject to these regulations and the Special Regulations, rules and conditions appearing at the head of each section and in each class, and on the entry form, and Melbourne Royal's Conditions of Entry to the Showgrounds posted at each gate. Upon submission of an entry the Exhibitor agrees irrevocably to be bound by all applicable regulations, rules and conditions.

1. ABSENCE OF EXHIBIT (DOG)

Every dog entered must be exhibited unless a certificate signed by the owner is lodged with Melbourne Royal prior to the date of the Show, stating that the dog is unable to compete for one or more of the following reasons:

- a) The dog has died;
- b) The dog is unfit for exhibition due to injury or disease;
- c) The dog has become ineligible for the class entered;
- d) Some other cause which Melbourne Royal considers reasonable; or

- e) After arrival at the Showgrounds, an Exhibit (dog) may be withdrawn from an event or class if it has become unfit to compete.

2. AGE OF DOGS

The age of the dog for the purpose of a Show, shall be calculated from the date of birth as recorded with a recognised controlling body (e.g. Dogs Victoria, Dogs NSW etc) as at 12am of the first day of Conformation Judging (i.e. 27 September 2024).

3. ALCOHOL

In accordance with licensing regulations, alcohol is not to be brought onto the Showgrounds.

4. ASSEMBLY

In view of the need to expedite judging, Exhibitors will be held wholly responsible for having their dogs in the assembly ring immediately as they are required for judging. After the Steward has given the word to the Judge to proceed with the judging of a competition, no Exhibit may enter the judging ring until after that competition has been completed. Dogs which are not brought promptly to the rings when called, and the owners or Exhibitors of which omit to obey the order of the Stewards, or are wearing more than one Exhibit number, maybe refused admission to the rings.

5. BABY PUPPY WINNERS

All Best Baby Puppy of Breeds for the day will compete for Best Baby Puppy of the Day. Only the Best Baby Puppy of each day will return to compete for Best Baby Puppy in Show on Saturday 5 October 2024.

6. PUPPY CLASS WINNERS

All Best Puppy of Breed winners (puppies entered in Class 3 or Class 3A only) will be required to return for exhibition on Saturday 5 October 2024 from 9am to 5pm. Judging will commence at 9am.

7. BEST OF BREED

The judging of Best of Breed and Runner-up to Best of Breed will be conducted at the completion of judging of each breed daily. Only dogs which have been awarded a Challenge Certificate at this Show shall be eligible to compete for Best of Breed at this Show.

Best of Breed winners are to be exhibited on Saturday 5 October 2024 from 9am to 5pm. Judging will commence at 9am.

8. SPECIAL PRIZES FOR CLASSES AND CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE WINNERS

- a) Only first prize winners and where applicable, Challenge Certificate winners will receive special prizes.
- b) Only dogs which have been awarded a Challenge Certificate at a show shall be eligible to compete for Best of Breed at that show.
- c) Melbourne Royal rosettes/sashes will be awarded to each Challenge Certificate winner and each class winner.

9. BENCHING

Exhibitors are advised to strictly observe the following conditions:

- a) All Exhibits must be benched from 9am to 5pm on the day of exhibition.
- b) A dog must not be placed on the bench or in a cage as to be away from the public view. Every dog must be provided with a suitable collar and chain or a lead. Nothing may be adhered to crates/cages that will affect the view of the public. Not more than one Exhibit may occupy any one bench or cage unless allocated by Melbourne Royal. Dogs shall be placed where directed by Melbourne Royal.

- c) Benches are for dogs and dogs in crates only. Exhibitors **must not** sit on the benches.
- d) The position of Exhibit numbers on benches or cages must not be altered.

10. STATE CONTROLLING BODY MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

The state controlling body membership number must be the same as recorded on Registration papers (i.e. if dogs are owned in different names they must have different membership numbers to reflect correct registration).

11. CATALOGUES

Exhibitors requiring a catalogue are requested to order when lodging entries. Only a limited number of catalogues will be made available for purchase during the Show. Pre-ordered catalogues are \$30. Catalogues purchased at the Show are \$30. Exhibitors will have access to a free PDF copy of the catalogue.

12. CHANGES

Subject to regulations in the relevant Schedule, no entry may be changed by the Exhibitor after entries close unless otherwise permitted by Melbourne Royal.

13. CHECK-IN OF EXHIBITS

Conformation: No dog will be admitted to the judging ring unless its Exhibit number is stamped. This will take place between 8am and 9am each day or at the discretion of the Show Manager.

Action Dog: Refer to Action Dog pages for Check In times relating to these competitions.

14. CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Melbourne Royal may in any circumstances it thinks fit, refuse to accept the entry of an Exhibit, or may at any time, cancel any entry already accepted and may disqualify the Exhibit from competing or exhibiting in any specific class or classes or events and without prejudice, to the generality of the foregoing, the Committee shall so act if a report of the Veterinary Surgeon discloses that he/she considers or finds that the Exhibit:

- a) Is affected with any contagious or infectious disease or is known to have or is suspected of having been brought onto the Showground from a kennel in which an animal is affected by or suffering from a contagious or infectious disease or which an animal was affected by or suffering from a contagious or infectious disease within 30 days or the relevant incubation period thereof whichever is the shorter, prior to the date upon which the relevant Exhibit was brought on to the Showgrounds,
- b) Shows any signs of any surgical or other artificial interference which is calculated to deceive or is capable of deceiving either Judge or spectators.

15. DOGS PERMITTED INTO SHOWGROUNDS

Except with the prior written approval of Melbourne Royal, no dogs other than the dogs entered for showing on that day are permitted to enter the Showgrounds.

16. ENTRY TICKET

Melbourne Royal will issue complimentary admittance for the day the Exhibit is required for judging on the following basis (subject to availability):

- a) **CONFORMATION:** One pass per Exhibit.
- b) **ACTION DOG:** One pass per Exhibit.

17. ENTRY SUBMISSION

Entries close on Tuesday 6 August 2024 at 5pm (excluding Baby Puppy Class which closes on Tuesday 20 August 2024 at 5pm).

The entry fee set out in the Schedule shall be forwarded with each entry. Paper based entries for the Melbourne Royal Show Championship All Breeds Show must be mailed to:

Dog Event Manager
Melbourne Royal
Melbourne Showgrounds
Epsom Road, Ascot Vale VIC 3032

Online entries can be submitted via Melbourne Royal's online entry facility:
www.melbourneroyal.com.au

The entry fee becomes the property of Melbourne Royal upon its receipt by Melbourne Royal and fees for withdrawn entries or entries which do not satisfy the conditions of eligibility will not be refunded.

Any forms containing information about an Exhibitor or Dog must be signed by the Exhibitor or his authorised agent.

The Exhibitor is responsible for the correctness of all information on the entry form.

Where an Exhibitor is less than 18 years of age, the entry form must be signed by the Exhibitor's parent or guardian.

Exhibitors and dogs participating at the Show do so at their own risk.

EXHIBITORS WILL NOT BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE SHOWGROUNDS BEFORE 5pm UNLESS UNDER EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A MELBOURNE ROYAL EMPLOYEE OR REPRESENTATIVE.

18. EXERCISING EXHIBITS

Exhibitors are advised that an exercise area will be made available between 9am and 5pm each day as signed and directed by the Dog Superintendent. Dogs must be on a lead at all times and are not permitted outside of the dog precinct. except as stated herein, no Exhibit may be absent from its bench unless for the purpose of being judged.

19. EXHIBIT NUMBERS

Exhibit numbers will be collected at the Show prior to the commencement of judging each day. An information booklet will be distributed to Exhibitors before the Show.

It is imperative to have the correct mailing and email address when entering. If you do not intend to be at your normal place of residence, a C/- address should be written on the entry form and highlighted.

When dogs are being judged the handler must wear the Exhibit number of only the dog being handled.

20. JUDGING

Melbourne Royal may alter the order of breed judging, or the Judge for any particular class at any time if it deems fit.

No Competitor or Exhibitor or person acting on behalf of any Competitor or Exhibitor shall in any way influence, consult or interfere with or attempt to influence consult or interfere with the Judge or endeavour to interfere with his/her freedom of choice or judgement.

No Exhibit or person in charge thereof shall be equipped with, wear or display anything, which indicates the ownership of the Exhibit before or during conformation judging unless this practice is expressly authorised in the regulation in the relevant prize schedule.

The decision of the Judge as to the merits of the Exhibit, shall be final and binding whether or not such decision was made or purported to be made in accordance with these or any other relevant regulations and no appeal may be made or order for review or similar order sought there from to any court of law or other body on the question of merit

of the Exhibit or on any matter arising out of or in connection with the manner in which the Judge's decision was made or purported to be made or otherwise.

Judges are empowered and are requested not to award any prize, (including Special Prizes), to any Exhibit, which they consider, is not of sufficient merit. Where, in any class or competition a first place is not awarded by the Judge, there shall be no second or third placing awarded.

The Judge may not place two or more separate Exhibits equal for any award, nor may he/she re-judge any competition because of the absence from the judging ring of any Exhibit at the time of judging that competition. The Judge may make a reserve number, by marking it as such, of the Exhibit next in order beyond those to which the prizes are awarded in every class where the number of the entries exceeds the number of prizes offered, if, in his/her opinion, the Exhibit is of sufficient merit with the exception of reserve challenge award, such emergency number does not carry any prize, or other reward.

Certificates awarded at the Show shall be exhibited with the Exhibit for the duration of the period the Exhibit is required at the Show.

21. LIMITATIONS

Subject to the regulations in the relevant Schedule, no dog may be entered in more than one Ordinary Class. Action Dog and Sweepstakes classes do not count as Ordinary Classes.

22. OWNERSHIP OF EXHIBITS (DOGS)

Unless Melbourne Royal otherwise permits, all dogs must be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor at the time of entry or be held by the Exhibitor under written lease in existence at the time of entry and Melbourne Royal shall have the power to recognise or reject such lease as it deems fit.

23. PAYMENT OF PRIZES

Prize money will not be awarded in breed classes.

24. PLACE RIBBONS/CERTIFICATES ETC

Ribbons/ rosettes will be issued in the judging ring as an indication to the spectators of the Judges' awards – blue for first, red for second and white for third, and in addition yellow for fourth and green for fifth ribbons will be awarded where there are at least ten dogs exhibited in the class.

Best of Breed, Challenge and Reserve Challenge Certificates are offered at this Show, at the discretion of the Judge.

25. REJECTION

Melbourne Royal may in its absolute discretion reject entries from Competitors or Exhibitors who, or whose dogs, are or have been subject to disqualification from any Royal or other show or a breed society or similar body.

26. RIGHTS OF MELBOURNE ROYAL

Melbourne Royal has the power without assigning any reason to:

- a) cancel any event or class;
- b) alter the time or place at which any class or event is to take place;
- c) alter the conditions of any event;
- d) remove any dog or Exhibitor from the Showgrounds;
- e) alter the date or time for the closing of entries for any section or class or for any particular entry;
- f) transfer a dog and Exhibitor from any class to any other class; and/ or
- g) decline to display a dog.

27. SALE OF DOGS

The sale of dogs, or signs indicating that dogs are for sale, is strictly prohibited. Any Exhibitor found to be displaying "for sale" signs may have their dogs disqualified from the competition.

28. VEHICLE PARKING

Motor vehicles/ trailers are not permitted to park within the Showgrounds. A parking fee for this Show is not included with the entry fee.

29. VETERINARY SERVICES

Melbourne Royal will appoint a veterinary surgeon to provide a service to Exhibitors. If an animal becomes ill or suffers an injury, Melbourne Royal's appointed veterinary surgeon may attend to and treat such animal in the absence of or contrary to any authority from the owner.

Exhibitors may employ a veterinary surgeon who is not Melbourne Royal appointed but in such instances must inform the Program Coordinator of the animal concerned. Melbourne Royal's appointed veterinary surgeon may refuse to attend and/or treat any animal.

Melbourne Royal and appointed veterinary surgeon shall not be liable in any way for any damage caused directly or indirectly by loss arising out of (including without limitation the loss or death of or damage or injury to the animal) the refusal failure or neglect of Melbourne Royal's appointed veterinary surgeon to attend or treat any animal.

30. CONTACT DETAILS:

All enquiries are to be directed to the Dog Section via post, facsimile or email.

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Melbourne Royal
Melbourne Showgrounds
Epsom Road
Ascot Vale VIC 3032
Email: dogs@melbourneroyal.com.au