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CONFORMATION

RULES



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The Catahoulas will be judged against the NALC breed standard. Each judge's choice is based upon his/her interpretation of said standard. The judge will examine each entered Catahoula and place it accordingly.

Entries

Only NALC Registered Catahoulas 3 months or older may enter this event. Blind, deaf, neutered or spayed Catahoulas may not be entered. "In heat" females may be shown. They must wear a well fitted dog diaper. For "in heat" results; NALC has the right to test any female that is entered in an NALC event or sanctioned NALC event.

- ❖ Pre-registration is best.
- ❖ Pick up your show packet at the show/entry table. There will be an armband number FOR EACH DOG SHOWN. The dog's number, its name and the class entered will be listed. If the information is NOT correct, bring it back to the entry table to have the error corrected.

Equipment

- ❖ Properly fitted slip collar. (slip collar being single length with two rings, one ring at each end)
- ❖ No German (pinch type) collars are allowed.
- ❖ The Catahoula should not be wearing more than one collar nor should anything be hanging from it.
- ❖ A soft leash of comfortable length.
- ❖ Grooming equipment – used only in the pre-class line up.

Responsibility

When an owner/handler has entered dogs in back to back classes, it is his/her responsibility to have each dog enter the ring on time. The judge will not wait for a late dog. Plan ahead, have a helper and/or put the dogs into dog boxes near (but not in the way) of the show ring. The dogs must not bark or disturb the show in any way. Each dog must have its own leash and collar and be ready to enter the ring.

Classes

The show will run in this order with the female classes first.

Female

3 to 6 Months Old *

6 to 9 Months Old

9 to 12 Months Old

1 Year & Older (Never had a litter)

1 Year & Older (Has had a litter)

2 Years & Older Hip Certified *

Senior (6 years or older)

Male

3 to 6 Months Old *

6 to 9 Months Old

9 to 12 Months Old

1 Year & Older (Never sired NALC litter)

1 Year & Older (Has sired NALC litter)

2 Years & Older Hip Certified *

Senior (6 years or older)

In this event a Catahoula MAY NOT be shown in more than one class.

*3 to 6 Months Old Female/Male Classes are not Major Classes.

*2 Years & Older Hip Certified Classes are always Major Classes.

Best of Show Puppy

After all classes are finished, the 1st place female and the 1st place male in the 3 to 6 months old classes will be called back into the ring to compete for Best of Show Puppy and Reserve Puppy. The winners will be awarded a special win tag. Best of Show Puppy will receive 2 (two) points toward its NALC Show Championship status. The Reserve Puppy will receive 1(one) point.

Best of Show Female

After the Best of Show Puppy Class, the other six 1st place winners in the female classes will be called back to the ring. Out of these winners, one Best of Show Female and one Reserve of Show Female will be chosen and awarded a special win tag. (See chart on page 6)

Best of Show Male

After the Best of Show and Reserve Female have been chosen, the six 1st place winners in the male classes will be called back to the ring. Out of these winners, one Best of Show Male and one Reserve of Show Male will be chosen and awarded a special win tag. (See chart on page 6)

Note: If a female and/or male class was divided into two or more classes, all first place winners will enter the appropriate Best & Reserve class.

Judges

A Conformation class is judged by a person agreed upon by NALC, a Regional Club Committee and/or a Show Host.

- ❖ A judge shall not ask a person handling the dog (a) who owns the dog (b) where the dog was purchased or (c) what the bloodlines are while he/she is judging that dog.
- ❖ A judge has the right to split or divide classes when considered necessary.
- ❖ Classes may be divided into groups of no less than 12 to make more than one Major Class
- ❖ A judge shall not have conversations with spectators or entry handlers while the show is in progress.
- ❖ A judge is not required to wait for dogs; owners/handlers alone are responsible for the presence of their dog in the ring when the class is called.
- ❖ A judge *may not be called upon to fault any dog after the show* is over and winners are announced.

Ring Etiquette

No dog will be allowed in the ring prior to show time. When your Catahoula's class is called, go to the designated area to be checked-in for pre-class line up. This is the time to do any last minute grooming.

- ❖ Make sure your dog has relieved itself BEFORE entering the show area.
DO NOT let your dog urinate on ANYTHING that we will have to handle while cleaning or packing up the area. This includes tent stakes, poles, ropes, chairs, trash containers, signs, etc.
- ❖ Enter the ring only when instructed to do so while leading the dog on your LEFT side. (The dog will be on the inside of the ring) Travel counter clockwise with your right side near the ring's rope.
- ❖ Be courteous to the other class participants.
- ❖ Keep some space between the dog and handler in front of and behind you.
- ❖ A person shall not be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs while participating in an NALC event or a NALC sanctioned event. This may cause a person to forfeit that day's entries.

Participation

After everyone is in the ring, the ring steward will leave. The judge will ask the owners/handlers to:

- ❖ Move the Catahoulas around the ring as a group.
- ❖ Have the dogs stand for examination. Owners/handlers of large and/or aggressive dogs will be required to handle their own dog's mouth for inspection of teeth/bite. Gently lift the dog's lips. Do not make the dog open its mouth.
- ❖ Follow the judge's direction when told which way to walk/trot the dog across the ring and straight back to the judge. This is important because it gives the judge the opportunity to watch each dog's movement, gait or tracking.

The owner/handler:

- ❖ Must follow the judge's instructions. If the instructions are not clear, ask for them to be repeated.
- ❖ Should know how to stack, move or position THAT Catahoula for the dog's best possible presentation.
- ❖ Should maintain eye contact with the judge as much as possible.
- ❖ Should not groom a dog while in the show ring.
- ❖ Should not bait or feed treats to a dog in the show ring. You may be asked to leave the ring if doing so.
- ❖ Most of all, you should enjoy the competition, be a good sport, and have FUN.

Disqualification

A judge has the right to disqualify any dog and/or handler for:

- ❖ Lack of control of a dog.
- ❖ A dog's unruliness and/or barking in the ring.
- ❖ Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- ❖ Feeding the dog or holding treats in your hand while in the ring.
- ❖ A dog relieving itself in the ring.

Awards

All NALC shows will be plaque-tag shows. Plaques (for the dog's first time win) and a win tag will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners. Tags are also given to the Best of Show Puppy, Reserve Puppy, Best of Show Female/Male and Reserve of Show Female/Male.

Please Note: In a class with a limited number of dogs, all places do not have to be awarded. This will be at the discretion of the judge.

Points Toward Show Championship

Only NALC registered dogs 6 months or older may receive these championship points.

1 st Place	5 points	Best of Show Male	10 points
2 nd Place	4 points	Reserve of Show Male	8 points
3 rd Place	3 points	Best of Show Female	10 points
4 th Place	2 points	Reserve of Show Female	8 points
		*Best of Show Puppy	2 points
		*Reserve of Show Puppy	1 point

(*Pups 6 mos. or younger cannot receive place points.
They can receive Best of Show & Reserve points)

Show Champion (Sh Ch): For a Championship, a dog must have accumulated 40 points, won two – 1st place wins under two different judges (1 win must be a Major class win), and won either Best of Show or Reserve Best of Show.

Females

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    A["1st Place  
3-6 Months"] --> B["1st Place  
6-9 Months"]
    B --> C["1st Place  
9-12 Months"]
    C --> D["1st Place  
1 Yr. & Older  
(Never Had Litter)"]
    D --> E["1st Place  
1 Yr. & Older  
(Has Had Litter)"]
    E --> F["1st Place  
2 Yrs. & Older  
Hip Certified"]
    F --> G["1st Place  
6 Yrs. & Older"]
    G --> H["Best of Show Female  
Reserve of Show Female"]
  
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The flowchart illustrates the progression of a dog's status based on its age and performance. It starts with a box for "1st Place 3-6 Months", which leads to "1st Place 6-9 Months", then "1st Place 9-12 Months", "1st Place 1 Yr. & Older (Never Had Litter)", "1st Place 1 Yr. & Older (Has Had Litter)", "1st Place 2 Yrs. & Older Hip Certified", and finally "1st Place 6 Yrs. & Older". From the last box, a dotted line leads to a box containing "Best of Show Female" and "Reserve of Show Female".

Males	Reserve of Show Puppy

1 st Place 3-6 Months		
1 st Place 6-9 Months		
1 st Place 9-12 Months		
1 st Place 1 Yr. & Older (Never Sired NALC Litter)		Best of Show Male
1 st Place (NALC Stud Has Sired NALC Litter)		Reserve of Show Male
1 st Place 2 Yrs. & Older Hip Certified		
1 st Place 6 Yrs. & Older		

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