

## FROM THE SHOW COMMITTEE – Formats for Championship Shows – Nov 2024

When a Club submits its Schedule for an All-Breeds Championship Show, it has a few different options that it can consider using.

(i) The **traditional judging format** which most exhibitors are familiar with ie breed classes, Challenges & Reserve Challenges, Best of Breed, Runner-up Best of Breed & then runoffs for all Classes in Breed. Clubs can choose a variety of Classes, but most commonly they choose Baby, Minor, Puppy, Junior, Intermediate, Australian Bred & Open as well as Open Neuter, to a maximum of 10 classes. Best of Breeds in each Group compete for Best in Group then Runner-up Best of Breed enters to compete for Runner-up in Group Judging. Similar format for Best in Show and all Classes in Show.

(ii) The **alternate In-Group & In-Show format**, often described as **Group 4, 3, 2, 1**. Under this system breed judging proceeds through all the classes, challenges & reserves, until Best of Breed & Runner-up Best of Breed are awarded (RUBOB is still awarded in case there is a problem with the BIG judging). The only age class run-offs then judged are Baby, Puppy & Neuter. It is often recommended that Minors compete within the Puppy Class.

For Best in Group judging, all Best of Breeds enter the Ring and the judge selects 4<sup>th</sup> in Group (Group 4), followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> in Group (Group 3), 2<sup>nd</sup> in Group (Group 2 or RUIG) and finally 1<sup>st</sup> in Group (Group 1 or BIG). The Runner-up Best of Breeds do not participate. The only In-Group judging is Baby, Puppy and Neuter in Group. If one of the winners of Group 4, 3, 2 or 1 is a Puppy, then it is awarded Puppy in Group.

For General Specials the awards are Best in Show 2<sup>nd</sup> (BIS2 or RUIS) and Best in Show 1<sup>st</sup> (BIS1); followed by Baby in Show, Puppy in Show & Neuter in Show.

The advantage to Clubs is the length of time needed to conduct the show is reduced; and exhibitors, who after breed judging were not awarded Best of Breed, Baby, Puppy or Neuter of Breed, are able to pack up & go home, still able to compete for Challenge points.

(iii) The alternate **Group Show** format. Clubs also have the option of having their second show on one day run as Group Shows – this means judging is as per the tradition judging format, but there is no General Specials, with each of the 7 Groups concluding at the end of Best in Group & all Classes in Group have been awarded. The highest award under this system is BEST IN GROUP. Once again, the advantage to Clubs & exhibitors is an earlier finish to the day, and Clubs do not need to have an All-Breeds Judge available to judge General Specials.