AKC NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES
FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

The AKC National Owner-Handled Series is a non-titling competition for dogs that are exhibited by their owners that are not professional handlers. This series of special competitions will be offered at select dog shows across the country.

All dogs that are owner-handled and are not owned or exhibited by professional handlers* meet the requirements for this competition. Exhibitors must declare their dog is Owner-Handled eligible at the time of entry using the check box on the entry form. Eligible dogs will be identified by an asterisk in the steward's book & the catalog. **Dogs must be handled throughout the competition by an eligible owner. Professional handlers, household members and assistants to current professional handlers may not exhibit the dog in any breed competition during the entire show.**

Owner-Handled Best of Breed will be selected from the dogs that are eligible to compete in the Best of Breed competition including Winners Dog, Winners Bitch and winners of the non-regular classes.

• If the Best of Breed/Variety winner is Owner-Handled competition eligible, it will automatically be Owner-Handled Best Of Breed/Variety and be eligible to compete in both the regular as well as the Owner-Handled group.

• If the Best of Breed/Variety winner is not eligible for Owner-Handled competition and the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed/Variety is eligible, the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed/Variety will compete against the eligible exhibits of the other sex to determine Owner-Handled Best of Breed/Variety.

• If neither the Best of Breed nor the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed/Variety are Owner-Handled competition eligible and Select Dog & Select Bitch are both eligible, the judge is to choose Best Owner-Handled exhibit from the Selects and eligible Winners Dog or Winners Bitch.

• If one of the Selects is eligible, excuse all champions and non-regular class winners of the same sex and then choose Best Owner-Handled exhibit from the remaining dogs of the opposite sex including the eligible winner.

• If Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog & Select Bitch are not eligible, the judge may choose any eligible dog remaining in the ring including Winners Dog or Winners Bitch as Owner-Handled Best of Breed/Variety.

The breed will not be represented in the Owner-Handled Group if there is no eligible dog competing in the Best of Breed, or in Best of Winners competition.

**Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay or received payment for handling a dog.*

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Beginner Puppies (4-6 months of age)

AKC Sanctioned Beginner Puppy Competition!

The American Kennel Club has designed the Beginner Puppy Special Attraction to be an opportunity for puppies to interact with people and other dogs under a puppy friendly judge and show ring. New pure-bred puppy owners are encouraged to enter to explore competing in AKC events.

One combined class, not divided by sex, will be offered for breeds and varieties of dogs that are four (4) months & under six (6) months and divided into Groups as described in Chapter 3, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* and the Miscellaneous Class breeds as listed in Chapter 3, Section 23. There will be a selection of Best Beginner Puppy and Best of Opposite Sex in each Breed/Variety for the breeds included in Chapter 3, Section 1, each Best Beginner Puppy will then compete in their respective group for First through Fourth Placements. The Miscellaneous class competition will be the equivalent of Group Competition & the winner will be eligible to compete in Best Four-to-Six Month Puppy in Show. The FSS Competition will be the equivalent of Group Competition & the winner will be eligible to compete in Best Four-to-Six Month Puppy in Show.

An AKC registration number or litter number will be required for entries of an AKC recognized breed as listed in Chapter 3, Section 1. FSS number or FSS registered litter number will be required for Miscellaneous & FSS Breed entries.

Dogs are required to be vaccinated (including rabies) in accordance with their veterinarian's protocol.

AKC Rules in Dealing with Misconduct will be applicable to any person and dog entered at this competition. All applicable rules found in *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* will govern the conduct of this competition unless these regulations state otherwise.

Exhibitors should plan on opening the mouth of their puppy for the judges. Breed standard disqualifications such as color, height, weight or dentition shall not be a point of consideration in the judging process for this 4-6 month Puppy Special Attraction event.

Professional Handlers are not allowed to exhibit in this competition. Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.

Entry Fee: $23.00 (including AKC recording fee of $2.00 for each dog. These fees are paid to the American Kennel Club.)

Entries will close Wednesday Noon, June 5, 2013 at Superintendent's office.