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AV/Beaten Dog Rule FAQs

Shows Judged on the Group System

Q. I am entering a show 'judged on the group system', my breed is scheduled but I want to only enter the stakes class, is this possible?

A. Yes it is now possible for any dog, whether the breed is scheduled or not to compete in only the stakes classes. However exhibitors are reminded that those winning dogs entered only in the stakes class cannot go forward to the group. Only BOB and AVNSC winners can go forward at shows judged on the group system.

Q. My dog's Breed Class clashes with the stakes class, can my dog still go forward for the group if I withdraw from the stakes class?

A. As it is no longer necessary to compete in a breed class before competing in a, AV class, you have the option of withdrawing from either the breed class or the AV class. However, it is only those dogs which have been declared Best of Breed and Best AVNSC which will be eligible for BIS.

Q. I am judging the puppy group at an open show, there are two dogs of the same breed present, one was declared BOB but was beaten in the AV puppy stakes by a puppy of the same breed. Do I need to take account of their previous placings when judging?

A. No each dog should be judged on its merits.

Q. My Golden Retriever enters both a breed class and an AV class. It is awarded BOB and goes on to compete in the AV class, but is beaten by another Golden Retriever which has been entered the AV class only. Can it still go forward to the group?

A. Yes your Golden Retriever is eligible to compete in the Group.

Q. My dog is declared BOB, but is beaten or unplaced in the stakes class, can I still go forward for the Group.

A. Yes

Q. With beaten dogs now being allowed to compete in the group competition, which puppies are eligible to compete for BPIG and BPIS at Open and Limited shows?

A. Best Puppy in Breed even if beaten in an AV/Stakes class

Best AV Puppy or any other 'Best of' award even if beaten in another AV class or a breed class and any puppy which has competed exclusively in one AV class and has only been beaten by an adult dog i.e. 2nd AV Junior.

Q. Which puppies are eligible to compete for BPIG and BPIS at Championship shows?

A. Those Puppies which have been declared of Best Puppy in Breed or Best AVNSC Puppy.

Shows Not Judged on the Group System

Q. How does the new policy affect eligibility for BIS at shows not on the group system? Do dogs still have to remain unbeaten to go forward for BIS? That seems a contradiction? But if we say that regulation is suspended how will they know who can go forward for BIS?

A. Where a dog is entered in more than one class i.e. AV Junior and is declared best AV Junior but beaten in another class it is eligible for BIS as it was declared Best AV Junior. Any dog declared "Best of", i.e. Best AV Junior, Best of Breed, Best Veteran etc. is eligible for BIS.



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General FAQs

Q. If my dog is declared BIS and Best Puppy in Show can I go on to compete further at the show?

A. No, a dog which is declared Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show or Best Puppy in Show is not eligible for further competition.