

# PERFORMANCE SWEEPSTAKES FOR POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

## Rules and Procedures

The Performance Sweepstakes is a Performance Event and is intended to be not only a competition, but more importantly a learning experience for those who enter and compete. With that in mind, the Performance Sweepstakes event will be run under the following rules and procedures.

**Eligibility:** Any Poodle registered with the American Kennel Club (including those with Limited Registration) may compete as long as they have earned a title or certificate prior to the close of entries in one of the following disciplines:

AKC Obedience, Rally, Agility, Coursing Ability, Fast CAT, Tracking, Barn Hunt, Dock Diving, Farm Dog, Retriever Hunt Tests, Spaniel Hunt Tests, Canine Good Citizen, Flyball, Therapy Dog, Trick Dog and Search and Rescue.

Or have earned one of the following PCA certificates:

PCA Working Certificate, Working Certificate Excellent, Upland Instinct Certificate, Upland Working Certificate, Upland Working Certificate Excellent (also includes Hunting Poodle and Hunting Poodle Excellent titles).

Spayed and neutered dogs and bitches are eligible to participate and will be judged together with intact dogs and bitches. Honorable scars and injuries are to be expected with working dogs and are to be judged accordingly.

Any trim is acceptable other than fancy grooming competition type trims. No attachments to the hair are allowed other than rubber bands as permitted in the Poodle breed standard.

**Classes:** There will be 6 classes, split by age and sex:

Junior Dog and Junior Bitch, for dogs 6 months and under 2 years

Open Dog and Open Bitch, for dogs 2 years and under 7 years

Senior Dog and Senior Bitch, for dogs 7 years and over

All size Poodles will be shown together, to be judged against the breed standard with the dog's height being immaterial in the judging. Each age division will choose a winner as well as a best of opposite sex.

The winner of each age division will compete for Best in Performance Sweepstakes. All opposite sex winners will compete for Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Performance Sweepstakes.

**Judges:** Mrs. Linda Tiika & Mr. Michael B. Lamb

Two judges will judge each exhibit. At least one of the judges will be a judge currently licensed to judge Poodles in AKC events. The second judge may be a seasoned exhibitor or breeder with extensive knowledge of proper Poodle structure and temperament and a keen eye toward the working abilities of Poodles.

**Judging Criteria:** All entries will be judged strictly according to the Poodle breed standard with the exception of trims, and spayed/neutered dogs are allowed. A Score Sheet (on the following page) will be filled out for each entry with the consensus score of both judges. Score sheets will be tabulated after each class and the winner announced as soon as possible after the conclusion of the class. There will be no class placements while exhibitors are in the ring. Each exhibit's score sheet will be posted and available for review after the sweepstakes has concluded.

**Prizes:** After 35% has been deducted by the club for expenses, the remainder will be divided by class as follows:

25% ..... Best in Performance Sweepstakes

10% ..... Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Performance Sweepstakes

5% each..... Best in Junior, Open and Senior Classifications

5% each..... Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Junior, Open and Senior Classifications

# Performance Sweepstakes Evaluation

*Each subcategory is checked when dog meets criteria per the breed standard*

## General Appearance, Temperament, Carriage and Condition

Points available 30

score \_\_\_\_\_

- Very active
- Intelligent
- Elegant
- Well proportioned
- Proud carriage
- Moving soundly and effortless

## Head, Expression, Ears, Eyes and Teeth

Points available 20

score \_\_\_\_\_

- Eyes
- Ears
- Skull proportion, shape
- Muzzle length, shape
- Chin
- Teeth white
- scissors bit

## Body, Neck, Legs, Feet and Tail

Points available 20

score \_\_\_\_\_

- Neck length, set, carriage
- Topline level
- Chest deep, moderately wide
- Well spring ribs
- Loin short, broad and muscular
- Tail straight, well set, carried up
- Shoulder assembly well laid back and balanced
- Legs straight and parallel from front
- Elbows beneath high point of shoulder
- Feet, and pasterns
- Hind legs straight and parallel from behind
- Moderate angulation balanced with front end assembly
- Muscular with width in well bent stifles
- Femur and Tibia proximately same length
- Hock short, perpendicular

## Gait

Points Available 20

score \_\_\_\_\_

- Straightforward trot
- Light springy action
- Strong hindquarters drive
- Head and tail carried up
- Sound effortless movement

## Coat, Color and Texture

Points Available 10

score \_\_\_\_\_

- Curly with natural harsh texture, dense throughout
- Corded with tight even cords
- Color even and solid at the skin
- Eye color, toenail color and pigment appropriate for coat color

DEVIATION FROM BREED STANDARD:      minus      \_\_\_\_\_

OVERALL SCORE:      \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Number \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_