

So, You Want to Show Your Dogo Argentino

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This is not meant to be a comprehensive guide to dog shows. Just some basics for new exhibitors who want to show one of AKC's newest breeds that has moved from the Miscellaneous class to Regular status.

Why Show?

First of all, what's the point? From the AKC website:

The official term for dog shows is conformation — as in, the act of conforming or producing conformity. While a dog show may look like a beauty pageant, it's not. Dogs are not being compared to each other; they're being measured by how closely they conform to the standard of their particular breed. Why? Because the closer a dog's appearance is to the breed's standard, the better that dog's ability will be to produce puppies that meet the standard. It's also the reason why mixed breeds and spayed or neutered purebreds are ineligible to compete in conformation.

For those who are interested in showing their dogs in conformation shows in hopes of earning an AKC Championship, a title that will be attached to your dog's name on registration certificates and pedigrees and be respected around the globe, here are some answers to questions I have recently received plus just some information you might find useful.

Counting Championship Points

The Dogo Argentino is now regular status with the American Kennel Club and eligible to earn an AKC championship. For information on how points are calculated, here is a link that explains that:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/resources/counting-points/>

Find a Show

If you are new to all this, you might be wondering how to find a show where you can exhibit your dog at AKC shows.

All AKC shows can be found on the AKC event calendar. It can be a little hard to figure out at first, but every AKC show can be found there. Here is the link to the AKC Event Search:

<https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search>

Shows have a superintendent and their websites are a great place to find shows but they tend to list only the shows they are handling.

To superintend events held under American Kennel Club rules, an individual must hold a license from AKC. The following is a list of Licensed who send out information regarding upcoming shows for which they are responsible. You may wish to contact the superintendent and request to be placed on their mailing lists.

Show Superintendents

Here is a list of superintendents licensed by the AKC:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/resources/superintendents/>

You'll find that most shows in your geographical region are superintended by the same superintendent. For example, most in my area are done by Jack Onofrio Dog Shows, L.L.C. But not all, so if I rely only on their website, I might miss a show I'd like to attend. The AKC event search is a better resource for ALL possible shows. Following are some links where you will find all or almost all shows:

<http://www.infodog.com>

<http://caninechronicleshowcalendar.com/>

Terminology

Some terminology you should understand.

- **Upcoming Shows:** shows that are coming up in the future. Entries are still open. Shows are often listed once approved, but detailed information may or may not yet be available. The initial information should show the date of the show, the date entries close, the club holding the show and the city, state where it will be held. Links with detailed information are active when the information is available such as the Premium List.
- **Closed Shows:** shows that have not yet been held or are being held right then. Entries have closed and it is too late to enter. You'll look here after entries close to find the Judging Program.
- **Show Results:** shows that are over. Once compiled, the results will be posted and you can see who won each class in each breed all the way to who won Best in Show.

Once you find a show you want to attend, the first publication you'll need is the Premium List. This provides all the information you need to enter the show including but not limited to:

- Date of the show
- Closing Date (date all entries must be received) (usually 2.5 weeks prior to the show date and most often on Wednesday)
- Location
- Details about the show such as is it indoors or outdoors, is there reserved grooming / crating space, what parking is available for regular vehicles and motorhomes, what hours are the show site available, what special events might be offered, if there are health clinics or seminars, what trophies or prizes* are offered etc.
*NOTE: see a future article about why you should consider joining your local all-breed club and how you can donate prizes for breeds you love
- Entry fees and entry forms to mail in and information about on-line entries.
- Who the judges are for each breed, for groups and for best in show as well as for other events such as Junior Showmanship, 4-6 Month Puppy Competition, FSS Open Shows, National Owner Handled Series, Obedience and Rally Trials and so forth.

Breed Counts

After entries close, superintendents usually post the breed counts which show how many of each breed are entered. We all wait with baited breath for this because it will be longer before the judging program is available. Here are the breed counts for the upcoming show in Austin, Texas.

Breed Counts

Guadalupe Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc. (1)

Austin TX

Saturday, February 8, 2020

The number before each Breed(Variety) indicates the number of dogs entered in that Breed(Variety). The numbers following each Breed(Variety) indicates the number of Regular Class Dogs, Regular Class Bitches, Best of Breed(Variety)(Dogs-Bitches).

SPORTING BREEDS

6 BRITTANY 1-2- 3-0
1 POINTER 0-0- 1-0
5 GERM SHT PNT 0-1- 4-0
2 GERM WIRE PNT 0-0- 1-1
1 CHES BAY RET 1-0- 0-0
1 FLAT COAT RET 0-0- 0-1
31 GOLD RET 7-15- 7-2
16 LABRADOR 8-5- 1-2
7 NOVA SCOTIA 1-3- 2-1
9 ENG SETT 2-6- 0-1
1 IRISH SETT 0-1- 0-0
10 BOVKEN 2-5- 3-0
7 CKR SPN BLACK 3-2- 1-1
3 CKR SPN ASCOB 2-0- 0-1
2 CKR SPN PARTI 2-0- 0-0
9 ENGLISH COCKER 1-3- 2-3
3 ENG SPRINGER 2-1- 0-0
4 SPINONE ITAL 0-1- 2-1
6 VIZSLA 0-3- 1-2
3 WEIM 2-0- 0-1
1 WIREHPNT GRIF 0-0- 0-1

HOUND BREEDS

6 AFGHAN 3-0- 1-2
1 BASSET 1-0- 0-0
4 BEAGLE-13 IN 0-3- 0-1
3 BEAGLE-15 IN 1-1- 0-1
1 B & T COONHND 1-0- 0-0
9 BORZOI 3-2- 2-2
3 CINGECI D'ET 0-2- 0-1
6 DACH LONG 4-1- 1-0
11 DACH SMOOTH 4-2- 3-2
2 DACH WIRE 1-0- 0-1
2 IBIZAN HND 1-1- 0-0
3 IRISH WOLFHD 0-2- 0-1
7 NOR ELK HND 2-4- 1-0
8 PET BAS GRI VEN 3-1- 3-1

1 PIRAKALUM PNU 0-0- 1-0
20 RHORIDGE 5-8- 2-5
3 SALUKI 2-0- 1-0
8 WHIPPET 4-2- 1-1

WORKING BREEDS

7 AKITA 2-3- 2-0
1 ALAS MAL 0-0- 1-0
2 ANATOLIAN SHEP 1-0- 1-0
2 BERNS MTN 1-1- 0-0
4 BOERBOEL 4-0- 0-0
13 BOXER 4-7- 2-0
2 BULLMASTIFF 0-1- 1-0
3 CANE CORSO 3-0- 0-0
33 DOBERMAN 10-17- 3-3
9 DOG ARGIE 4-5- 0-0
10 GERM PIN 3-4- 2-1
13 GREAT DANE 2-8- 1-2
1 GRT SWISS MTN 0-0- 1-0
1 LEONBERGER 0-1- 0-0
5 ROTTWEILER 2-1- 1-1
6 ST BERN 1-4- 1-0
9 SAMOYED 3-4- 0-2
9 SIB HUSKY 3-3- 2-1
3 STD SCHN 1-1- 0-1
8 TIB MASTIFF 0-4- 3-1

TERRIER BREEDS

1 AM HAIRLESS TER 0-0- 1-0
6 AM STAFF 3-2- 1-0
6 BORDER TERR 0-4- 2-0
1 BULL TER WHITE 0-1- 0-0
3 CAIRN TERR 1-2- 0-0
1 FOX TER WIRE 0-0- 1-0
3 MIN SCHN 0-0- 2-1
1 NORFOLK TERR 0-0- 0-1
6 NORWICH TERR 1-3- 1-1
3 RAT TERR 0-0- 2-1
1 SCOTTISH TERR 0-0- 1-0
1 SKYE TERR 0-0- 0-1
7 STAF BULL 3-3- 1-0

TOY BREEDS

1 BRUSS GRIF 0-0- 1-0
7 CAV KING CH 1-3- 1-2
8 CHIMBA LONG 4-3- 1-0
4 CHIMBA SMOOTH 0-3- 1-0
11 CHIN CREST 2-4- 2-3
5 HAVANESE 1-2- 1-1
3 ITAL GRYHND 2-0- 1-0
4 JAP CHIN 0-3- 1-0
9 HALTESE 3-6- 0-0
4 MANCHU TEDD TOY 0-1- 1-2

Looking at the counts for Dogo Argentinos we see

9 DOGO ARGE 4-5- 0-0

This means there are a total of 9 Dogo Argentinos. 4 class dogs; 5 class bitches; 0 champion (also referred to as 'special') dogs and 0 champion bitches.

The names of dogs and owner are never published before the day of the event. They are published in the catalog which cannot be sold or viewed until the day of the show. If the show is part of a cluster of shows (multiple days and maybe multiple clubs) the catalog often includes all shows for the cluster in one catalog.

Judging Program

The next publication to watch for is the Judging Program. This will also show the location and basic info, but most importantly will show the judging schedule. There is usually an index of breeds in alphabetical order showing just the ring # and time, like this:

BREED	FRI		SAT		SUN		MON	
	RING	TIME	RING	TIME	RING	TIME	RING	TIME
AFEPERIN	16	10:20 am	12	9:40 am	16	11:10 am	16	9:40 am
AFGHAN	4	1:15 pm	4	1:10 pm	4	2:55 pm	4	10:20 am
AIRDALE	16	12:35 pm	16	1:30 pm	14	8:30 am	14	10:30 am
AKITA	2	8:45 am	6	10:40 am	5	9:40 am	6	11:10 am
ALUS XIAL	2	8:45 am	6	10:40 am	3	8:30 am	6	11:10 am
AM HARLES TER	13	1:05 pm	14	1:15 pm	14	3:05 pm	14	2:05 pm
AM STAFF	16	8:30 am	13	12:50 pm	14	3:05 pm		
AMERICAN SHEP	2	8:45 am	6	9:35 am	5	9:40 am	6	9:30 am
AUST SHEP	3	12:00 pm	1	8:30 am	3	9:40 am	1	12:05 pm
AUSTRIAN CATTDOG	3	10:25 am	3	11:25 am	2	8:20 am	2	8:30 am
B&T COONHND	8	8:30 am	9	9:05 am	9	12:55 pm	8	1:00 pm
BASKNJ	7	10:10 am	12	10:35 am	8	8:30 am	10	8:30 am
BASSET	8	8:30 am	9	9:25 am	8	10:10 am	8	1:00 pm
BEAGLE-13 IN	8	8:30 am	9	11:50 am	9	11:30 am	10	8:30 am
BERGERSHEP	1	10:05 am	9	11:00 am	8	11:30 am	10	9:40 am
BEARD COLL	4	1:15 pm	4	1:30 pm	2	9:55 am	3	10:40 am
BEAUTIFUL	1	10:05 am	4	10:30 am	2	9:55 am	3	9:25 am
BEDLINGTON	13	1:05 pm	13	12:50 pm	14	10:15 am	14	2:05 pm

Then you will find details listed by Ring Number like this:

SAHUARO STATE KENNEL CLUB, INC.
Saturday, February 1, 2020

JUDGING PROGRAM

The number before each Breed (Variety) indicates the number of dogs entered in that Breed (Variety). The numbers following each Breed (Variety) indicates the number of Regular Class Dogs-Regular Class Bitches, Best of Breed (Variety) (Dogs-Bitches).

OFFICIAL NOTICE: Additional Judges:
Reference Chapter 7, Section 13 of AKC Rules. Owner has the right to withdraw his entry and have his entry fee refunded provided notification of his withdrawal is received no later than one half-hour prior to the start of any regular conformation judging.
Mr Terry Stacy will judge Maltese & Yorkshire Terriers in place of Mrs Lisa Graser.
There are 1676 dogs entered in this show with a total of 1768 entries plus 45 dogs and 54 entries in Rally. There are 628 dogs competing in the AKC Owner-Handled Competition.

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> RING 1 MR DAVID A ALEXANDER (133) </div> <p>8:30 am 16 Australian Shepherds 17-23-4-1 1 Veteran Dog MR ALEXANDER MOVES TO RING 14</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> RING 1 MS PEGGY BEISEL-MCILWAINE (171) CONTINUING FROM RING 5 </div> <p>1:15 pm 18 Shetland Sheepdogs 15-21-7-0 MS BEISEL-MCILWAINE MOVES TO RING 6</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> RING 2 DR WANDA V SPEDIACCI (115) </div> <p>8:30 am 9 Siberian Huskies 2-1-3-3 4 Tibetan Mastiffs 1-0-1-0 6 Standard Schnauzers 2-0-2-2 32 Samoyeds 5-13-9-4 1 Veteran Dog</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> RING 2 MR LLOYD H GRASER JR (154) CONTINUING FROM RING 11 </div> <p>12:10 pm 8 Collies (Smooth) 3-2-2-1 19 Collies (Rough) 7-9-2-1 3 Old English Sheepdogs 1-2-0-0 1 Pumi 1-0-0-0 MR GRASER JR GOES TO LUNCH MR GRASER JR MOVES TO RING 8</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> RING 3 MRS LISA GRASER (144) </div> <p>8:30 am 31 Pembroke Welsh Corgis 11-11-4-5</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> RING 3 JERI BON (12) </div> <p>9:45 am 10 Cardigan Welsh Corgis Sweepstakes Entries 2 Cardigan Welsh Corgis Veterans Sweepstakes Entries</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> RING 3 MRS LISA GRASER </div> <p>10:15 am 22 Cardigan Welsh Corgis 4-9-5-2 1 Veteran Dog 1 Veteran Bitch 8 Miniature American Shepherds 1-4-3-0</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> RING 3 MR DAVID A ALEXANDER CONTINUING FROM RING 14 </div> <p>3:05 pm 13 Border Collies 2-4-4-3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> RING 4 MRS JACQUELINE L STACY (86) </div> <p>8:30 am 2 Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs 0-1-1-0 MRS STACY MOVES TO RING 13</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> RING 4 MR ROBERT L ROBINSON (39) </div> <p>10:30 am 11 Beaucerons 1-6-2-2* 9 Bouvier des Flandres 2-3-3-2* 9 Briards 0-0-3-2*</p>
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Looking at this judging program, we see that Samoyeds (for example) are scheduled to be judged in Ring 2, judged by Dr. Wanda V Spediacci, at 8:30 a.m. after 9 Siberian Huskies, 4 Tibetan Mastiffs and 6 Standard Schnauzers. It is a reasonable rule of thumb to allow 2.5 minutes per dog. HOWEVER, you are expected to be at the ring at 8:30, even if you are the last breed in that group of dogs. It is always possible that every other dog scheduled to be judged ahead of you will be absent. If you are not at the ring ready to go in when the ring steward calls your class, you are considered absent.

What's Next?

More about what to do when you get there and how to handle and stack your Dogo Argentino in Part II.

