



Dog of the Year Event 2024

Rules & Application Form



The Dog of the Year Event is open to all dog and handler teams, at all levels.

To be in with a chance, all you need to do is keep a record of your dog's placings (1st-8th) at any Kennel Club Licenced competition between January and November. Placings and awards at training and fun shows do not count.

In November you will be invited to submit your application form – please do not submit sooner than that.

The top 5 dogs in your class/division will be invited to compete at the Crufts Semi Finals Competition for the overall Dog of the Year title in your class.

Rules:

1. Only placings between January to November 2023 count – no back dating places please.
2. Complete a separate form for each of your dogs and each of their classes i.e., Dogs KC Name and class: Intermediate Freestyle
3. Dogs competing in the Crufts Semi Finals **may not** compete in the Advanced Dog of the Year class but can compete in any lower classes the same dog may be eligible for i.e., competing in the Crufts Semi Finals HTM class and therefore can not compete in the Advanced HTM class but could compete in any freestyle class they are eligible for.
4. All current L Regulations apply.
5. The top five dogs in each class with the most placings/points will be invited to attend the Dog of the Year Competition on Saturday 20th January 2024. The handler is liable for all entry fees etc.
6. In the event of a dog winning out of a level it may still enter the Dog of the Year event at that level providing it has not ENTERED the dog at the higher level at any further Kennel Club licenced competitions that year. For example, a dog might win out of novice freestyle (progressing into Intermediate Freestyle) in August. Providing the same dog is not ENTERED in any further Kennel Club competitions at the higher level in freestyle it can still apply for the Novice Freestyle Dog of the Year award. If the dog is entered in any competition at the higher level then it must only apply for the Intermediate Freestyle Dog of the Year award.
7. In the event of two dogs obtaining equal amount of placings/points the dogs placings marks will be added together and the dog with the highest points will be invited to compete so where possible please also keep a record of the score your dog obtains at each competition.

