

## **The American Rottweiler Club National Sieger Show**

Approved by ARC Board of Directors: 11/2/07

The American Rottweiler Club membership has voted to conduct a Sieger Show. Below are the rules and guidelines developed by the Sieger Show Committee. The Committee consists of Steve Wolfson, Chairman, Leslie Fried, Dee Hernandez, Joe Allegrini, and Karen Billings.

This event is the American Rottweiler Club National Sieger Show held under the auspices of the American Rottweiler Club. The purpose of this show is twofold.

1. To highlight the performance aspect of the Rottweiler
2. To raise funds for the club

It is a special event using a different judging style where all exhibits receive a written critique describing breed type, structure, brief description of temperament and gait. The target date for the first event is mid to late October, 2008.

- No AKC championship points are awarded nor will the AKC recognize any awards or titles.
- This show will use the AKC Rottweiler standard.
- An award from the American Rottweiler Club is bestowed to the winners of the show as the National Sieger/ Siegerin, National Youth Sieger/Youth Siegerin.
- An award from the American Rottweiler Club is bestowed to Most Beautiful Male and Female in the show.
- It is a two day event. A maximum of 70 dogs per day can be adjudicated by one judge. A total entry for one judge is 140, two judges (if used) are 280.
- The American Rottweiler Club Measurement Survey is optional and can be held at this event.
- The results of the show will be published in the ARK newsletter and on the ARC Website.
- The ARC Judge's Selection Process will be used to select the judge/judges used for the ARC National Sieger show.
- If hosted by the American Rottweiler Club, ARC retains all profits. If hosted by an ARC affiliate, a \$5.00 recording fee per entry is sent to the ARC

A show committee, appointed by the board, will conduct the first event. However, in following years, an ARC affiliate club, or ARC members in good standing (pending ARC board approval) may host it as well. This event may rotate in different areas around the country.

### **Show Promotion**

1. A flyer will be posted in the ARK newsletter, 6 months prior to the event listing all pertinent information.
2. Three months prior to the event, a Premium will be issued and posted on our website in a downloadable format. The premium will include an entry form, directions to the show, show schedule, judge's bio, date and time of show, show location, hotel information, judge's dinner information etc.
3. A mass emailing will be submitted to the ARC membership notifying them when the premium is available on our website.

### **Entry Forms**

Entry forms will contain the following information:

1. Entry fee (set by the ARC board). A minimum of \$40.00 is recommended. If hosted by an affiliate club, they decide the fee.
2. Name of entry, to include all recognized titles. Ratings awarded at shows such as V are not titles and will not be listed.
3. Date of birth
4. AKC registrations. FCI registrations
5. Sire - include titles
6. Dam - include titles
7. Owner
8. Breeder
9. Address of owner
10. For classes requiring a title, a copy of the title Certificate or Score Book must be included.

### **Show Catalog**

A Show Catalog will be produced to include:

1. The size of the catalog will be no smaller than 5.5 x 8.5 or no larger than 8.5 x 11 inches.
2. The first pages in the catalog will include the names of the presiding ARC President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors and Show Committee or Hosting Club Executives.
3. A standard ARC critique form will be used.
4. The current AKC Standard for the Rottweiler will be included.

5. A list of all entries, show rules/guidelines, classes defined (see below) definitions of ratings (see below), judge's bio, advertising, directions, show schedule.
6. Pages must include all the class categories with the entries for that class. (See Show Classes below.)
7. Entries in each class must include the following:
  - Name of entry and titles, if any (ratings are not titles and will not be listed)
  - Date of birth
  - AKC Registration, if foreign, include foreign registration
  - Sire, include titles
  - Dam, include titles
  - Owner
  - Breeder
  - Owner address

### Show Logistics

1. This is an outdoor event. A tent (minimum size 12 ft x 12 ft) is provided to shelter the typist, judge, show committee, etc. from the elements. If an ARC affiliate club wishes to host this event, they may hold it indoor upon board approval. Electricity for a 100 ft x150 ft.
2. A public address system is required so that all may hear the verbal critiques
3. A typist is required to record the judge's critique verbatim. Two typists are strongly recommended. Critiques are transcribed in English. If another language is used by the judge, a translator is required. The translator must be fluent in dog terminology.
4. Only American Rottweiler Club standard critiques may be used. Critique forms from non ARC clubs cannot be used if hosted by an ARC affiliate. The ARC provides a CD to the hosting club with the program to create the critique form.
5. Adequate parking, toilet facilities and food for purchase must be available for a show of this size.
6. A host club must provide liability insurance.
7. A show photographer will be available for winners and placements.
8. Easily readable signs are posted giving directions along the path to the show.

### Show Procedures and Guidelines

All AKC rules and guidelines apply unless expressly stated

1. The ring steward will call all entries to the class. Two ring stewards are recommended. Absentees are marked in the catalog. The ring stewards and show secretary will keep a marked catalog. A completed marked catalog is sent to the ARC secretary. Results of the show are posted in the ARK and on the ARC website.
2. All exhibits are presented in a natural stance. No hand stacking is permissible in any class.
3. The judge will first check all entrants in each class for correct dentition, and inspect all dogs/bitches in each class for disqualifying faults per the AKC Standard. In addition, the following will be disqualifying faults for dogs/bitches with full tails: kink tail, ring tail, with strong lateral deviation. Source: the FCI Rottweiler Standard

If disqualifying faults are discovered on an exhibit, it is disqualified from competition. No critique will be issued. Exhibits that cannot be examined or limp while gaiting will be excused from competition. The results of the show will contain the mark of "DQ" or "Excused" after that particular exhibit's number.

4. After the initial examination for dentition and disqualifying faults, a verbal critique is conducted on each class entry and recorded verbatim on the critique form. Positive aspects as well as any faults or deviations from the standard are noted on the critique, such as, missing tooth, pink gums, light eyes, etc.

Once all exhibits are critiqued, the judge will gait each class for ratings and placements. During the gaiting process, the judge at his/her discretion may rate an exhibit and declare, "No further judging is required". Double handling is permissible and multiple handlers may be used during the gaiting process.

All remaining exhibits in each class are evaluated for final rating and placement. Placements are 1-4 with corresponding rating.

The ring steward will mark all placements and ratings in the show catalog before dismissing the class. The judge, when time permits, will sign the critiques after the ratings and placements. The club will retain a copy of all critiques.

The judge may at his/her discretion; adjust the order of this procedure.

5. Judge's decision on the critique and placement is final.
6. In case of error on the day of the show, entries in the puppy classes, youth classes, which reach the age of the next higher class, will be moved to the appropriate class.

Entries received, which do not have the required documentation (such as Seiger /Siegerin titles, Working titles, Champion etc.) will be moved to the open class.

7. If a dog achieves a title that makes him/her eligible for a class other than the one that they were originally entered, proof must be presented to the show secretary prior to the start of that day's judging.

## Classes

### Puppy Classes, Dog/Bitch

- 4 - 6 Months
- 6 - 9 Months
- 9 - 12 Months
- Best Puppy Dog/Bitch

### Youth Classes, Dog/Bitch

- 12 - 18 Months
- 18 - 24 Months
- American Rottweiler Club National Youth Sieger/Youth Siegerin

### Adult Classes, Dog/Bitch (24 Months+)

- Open
- Champion (AKC/CKC/FCI Champions of record)
- Working Class - ( SchHI - III, IPOI – III, VPGI – III, or AKC WDS, CDX, UD, HI, HX, HCH, AX, MX/MXJ)
- Sieger (FCI/ ADRK/USRC/ARV/ Independent clubs)
- Siegerin (FCI/ADRK/USRC/ARV/ Independent clubs)
- Veteran (all dogs min. 7 years)
- American Rottweiler Club National Sieger/Siegerin. If two judges are used, selection is made by the corresponding judge.

### Additional Classes

- Most Beautiful Male/Female. At the discretion of the hosting club, this may be award by conference of the two judges.
- Kennel Group (optional)
- Brood Bitch (optional). Progeny from two different litters.
- Stud Dog (optional). Progeny from two different litters.
  
- The first place entries in the puppy classes compete for Best Puppy-Dog/Bitch. The first place entries in the Youth Classes compete for Youth Sieger/Siegerin. The first place entries in all adult classes compete for American Rottweiler Club National Sieger/Siegerin. Youth Sieger/Siegerin, Sieger/Siegerin competes for Most Beautiful Male/Female. The Kennel Group, Stud Dog and Brood Bitch are not eligible to compete for Sieger/Siegerin.

### Measurement Survey (optional)

An ARC Measurement Survey may be held along with the National Sieger Show per the ARC Measurement Survey Rules.

## Classes Defined

### Puppy Classes

- 4-6 Month Dog/Bitch - Rottweilers between the ages of 4-6 months.
- 6-9 Month Dog/Bitch - Rottweilers between the ages of 6-9 months.
- 9-12 Month Dog/Bitch - Rottweilers between the ages of 9-12 months.
- Best Puppy Dog/Bitch contains the winners of the Puppy classes.

### Youth Classes

- 12-18 Month Dog/Bitch - Rottweilers between the ages of 12-18 months.
- 18-24 Month Dog/Bitch - Rottweilers between the ages of 18-24 months.
- American Rottweiler Club National Youth Sieger/Siegerin contains the winners of the Youth classes.

### Adult Classes

- Open Dog/Bitch - Rottweilers 24 months and older.
- Champion Dog/Bitch - Rottweilers who have earned a Championship title. This includes AKC and CKC Champions, International FCI Champions and any champion of record from a country whose Championship was awarded by an FCI recognized kennel club. Select awards from the USRC are not titles or Champions. (must include documentation with entry).
- Working Dog/Bitch - Rottweilers with a recognized SchHI - III, IPOI – III, VPGI – III, or AKC WDS, CDX, UD, HI, HX, HCH, AX, MX/MXJ title (must include documentation with entry).
- Veteran Dog/Bitch -Rottweilers 7 years or older on the day of the show.
- Sieger - all recognized Sieger titles to include USRC, ARV, and independent Rottweiler club shows (must include documentation with entry).

- Siegerin - all recognized Siegerin titles to include USRC, ARV, and independent Rottweiler club shows (must include documentation with entry).
- American Rottweiler Club National Sieger/Siegerin – contains the first place winners of all the adult classes Dog/Bitch
- Most Beautiful Male/Female. The Youth Sieger will compete with the Sieger for Most Beautiful Male and the Youth Siegerin will compete with the Siegerin for Most Beautiful Female.
- Kennel Group. An entry of at least three with the same kennel name. All entries are entered in the regular show. Only placements 1-4 will be awarded. A critique is issued for the kennel group for consistency of breed type, temperament and gait. All entries are entered each on a separate form. A discount fee is offered for this class, to be determined by the ARC board.
- Stud dog. A stud dog, which has sired at least two litters. All entries are entered in the regular show. The stud dog is judged on his ability to produce consistency of breed type, temperament, structure and gait in his get. The class consists of the stud dog and at least three of his get. The stud dog, along with his get is each entered on a separate entry form.

The stud dog must be examined for disqualifying faults. His get are examined for breed type, structure, and gait. Only placements 1-4 are awarded, along with a critique on the consistency of breed type, temperament and gait in his get.

- Brood bitch. A brood bitch, which has produced at least two litters. All entries are entered in the regular show. The brood bitch is judged on her ability to produce consistency of breed type, temperament, structure and gait in her progeny. The class consists of the brood bitch and at least three of her progeny. The brood bitch, along with her progeny is each entered on a separate entry form. A discount fee is offered for this class, to be determined by the ARC board.

The brood bitch is examined for disqualifying faults. Her progeny are examined for breed type, structure, and gait. Only placements 1-4 are awarded along with a critique on the consistency of breed type, temperament and gait in her progeny.

### Class Ratings

1. VP is the highest rating in the puppy classes. SG is the highest rating in the 12-18, 18-24 classes. V is the highest rating in the adult classes. (See ratings defined)

At the discretion of the judge, exceptional 18-24 month entries are eligible for V-rating. Youth Sieger/Youth Siegerin: if the judge awards the first place in the 18-24 class with V-1, the SG-1 exhibit in the 12-18 class may compete against the V rated exhibit since SG is the highest allowed rating in its class.

In the winner's classes, i.e. Best Puppy, Youth Sieger/Youth Siegerin Sieger/Siegerin, all competing exhibits must have equal Ratings (See above exception). A "P" rated exhibit cannot compete against a "VP" rated exhibit; a "G" rated exhibit cannot compete against an SG rated exhibit; and an SG rated exhibit cannot compete against a V rating. An exhibit must receive the highest allowed rating in its class to compete further.

For example, a puppy that receives a rating of P-1 in the 4-6 class cannot compete against a puppy that receives a rating of VP-1 in the 6-9 or 9-12 classes. An exhibit that receives a rating of G-1 in the 12-18 class cannot compete against an exhibit that receives a rating of SG-1 or V in the 18-24 class. Only the adult dogs may compete for the Sieger/Siegerin titles.

3. Appropriate documentation is required for the Working classes, Champion classes, Sieger / Siegerin classes and must accompany the entry form. Without appropriate documentation, the entries in these classes are entered in the open class.
4. Youth Sieger/ Youth Siegerin titles are not eligible for the Sieger/Siegerin classes.

### Ratings Defined

#### Puppy Classes Dog/Bitch, Age 4 - 12 Months

- VP - Very promising
- P - Promising
- S - Satisfactory
- U - Unsatisfactory

#### Youth Classes Dog/Bitch, Age 12-24 Months

- V – Excellent ( only for exceptional dogs in the 18-24 class)
- SG - Very good
- G - Good
- S - Satisfactory
- U - Unsatisfactory

#### All Adult Classes

- V - Excellent
- SG - Very good
- G - Good

- S - Satisfactory
- U – Unsatisfactory

### **Judges**

The ARC Judges Selection Procedure is to be followed for selecting the judge(s) for the show.

All judges must be recognized AKC or FCI judges and familiar with the critiquing process. The critique process requires the judge to verbally critique all exhibits, describing the exhibit's breed type, structure, a brief comment on temperament and gait, while a typist records all this verbatim on the critique form.

For the first show, the ARC BOD will select the judge(s).

For subsequent shows the judge(s) shall be selected a minimum of three (3) years in advance per the following procedure:

1. The Host Club shall draw up a list of eight (8) suitable potential judge candidates. A judge may only be elected to judge the same assignment at the National Sieger Show every five (5) years.
2. If a Host Club has not been selected three (3) years in advance, the ARC Board will appoint a committee of 3 members from random areas of the country. The ARC Vice President will serve as Chairperson. To achieve a list of 8 unique names to present to the membership, the process will begin with each committee member submitting 3 names to the Chairperson. The Chairperson will not submit names. If there are 9 unique names, the Chairperson will veto one name. If there are fewer than 8 unique names, the Chairperson will identify to the committee the duplicate names and request that each submit one additional name different from the duplicates. This process will continue until the list is comprised of 8 unique names. If at any time during the process, there are more than 8 unique names, the Chairperson has the obligation to veto one or more names.
3. An alphabetical list of the judge candidates, along with a short biography, shall be forwarded to the Secretary no later than April 1st, three (3) years in advance of the Sieger Show. The list shall in no way indicate a preference that the Host Club may have for one candidate over another.
4. The Secretary shall submit a ballot to the general membership consisting of an alphabetical list of the judge candidates, the biographies and request that each member select two (2) candidates. This ballot shall be sent to the membership or printed in the ARK by July 1st of each year. If possible, ballots will be available at the ARC National Specialty Show for voting; the Secretary will be responsible for collecting ballots from the National Specialty Show. Ballots are to be returned to the Secretary no later than 90 days from the date of the mailing of the ARK containing the Sieger Show judge's ballot and biographies. The exact deadline date will be printed on the ballot.
5. Based on the ballot results, the eight names will be arranged in order of the number of votes received and the Secretary shall forward the results to the Host Club or the Sieger Show Chairman.
6. The judges will be contacted in decreasing order of the number of votes received during membership balloting. If more than one judge is to be utilized, the judge with the most votes who accepts the assignment will have their choice of dogs or bitches and will judge all classes of that sex, including Best Puppy Dog or Bitch, Youth Sieger or Siegerin, National Sieger or Siegerin, Stud Dog or Brood Bitch, and the Kennel Group, providing they have not done so in the last five (5) years. The second judge who accepts the assignment will judge all classes of the other sex.
7. Each year shall be treated individually and there shall be no carry over from year to year. The assignments of the judges must follow the five-year moratorium.