

AMERICAN ROTTWEILER CLUB RULES FOR FUTURITY STAKES

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Introduction

The purpose of the Futurity Stake is to encourage the breeding of the best possible Rottweiler and to reward the breeders for their efforts. For this reason, the Stakes are weighed in favor of the breeder, who is the one that chooses the sire, nominates the bitch before whelping, raises the litter, and often pays for the entry fees for the individual puppies as well. Recognition must be also given to the sire of the litter for his genetic contribution and to the role of the owners of the individual Rottweiler in developing it to its greatest inherited potential. The quality of the individual animal will be the result of the combined efforts of these three. The division of the Stakes is designed to reflect this.

Description

The Futurity Stake shall be held in conjunction with each American Rottweiler Club National Specialty. Should the ARC National Specialty not be held within the time limits applying to the Futurity Rules, the Board of Directors shall decide the disposition of the moneys accrued toward the Futurity Stake.

THE FUTURITY STAKE IS OPEN TO ROTTWEILER BREEDERS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB. ALSO, THE FUTURITY IS OPEN ONLY TO LITTERS FROM PARENTS WHO WERE TWO YEARS OF AGE AND OFA HIP CERTIFIED PRIOR TO THE DATE THE BREEDING TOOK PLACE.

Any breeder who, having nominated a litter, fails to remain in good standing with the AKC and has not been reinstated 30 days prior to the Futurity shall lose all rights in the ARC Futurity.

The Futurity Stake is entered by nominating the litter. The get from this litter are eligible to compete in the first annual Futurity Stake held on or after the date they reach six months of age, and only in this stake.

Nomination Dates

The nomination of the bitch's litter must be made after she is bred, but BEFORE THE WHELPING DATE. The nomination of each individual puppy must be made after it is whelped, but BEFORE IT IS FOUR MONTHS OLD.

Fees

A fee of \$15.00 must accompany the nomination for the litter. A fee of \$7.50 must accompany the nomination for each puppy. Any checks coming from outside the United States must be in the form of a Postal Money Order or Cashier's Check payable in U.S. Funds. No personal checks drawn on banks outside the United States will be accepted.

Procedure For Nominating Litters

Any Rottweiler breeder in good standing with the AKC and owing no debt to ARC may nominate a litter for the Futurity. The nomination must be made on an official ARC Futurity entry form, which can be obtained by writing to the Futurity Chairman or downloaded from the ARC website: www.amrottclub.org. Said litter nomination must be made PRIOR to the whelping of the litter. The determination date for timely nominations shall be the postmark on the envelope, which must be dated no later than midnight the day prior to the whelping of the litter.

The nomination of a litter qualifies any of the litter for entry in the ARC Futurity Stake. All nominations must be made BEFORE the puppy to be shown in the Futurity reaches FOUR MONTHS of age. The determining date of the nomination shall be the postmark on the envelope containing the nomination. This postmark must be dated no later than midnight the day prior to the day the puppy reaches the age of four months. If the breeder wishes to nominate all puppies in the litter individually, this may be done at any time after the day the litter is whelped but before it is four months old. In such cases, fees for all puppies in the litter must be paid, and at the same time the Futurity Chairman must be supplied with the following information:

- Whelping date
- Name of puppy (if known)
- Sex of each puppy
- AKC number (if received)
- Name, address and phone number of the Breeder nominating the litter.
- Name, address and phone number of the owner of the puppy

If the breeder has received neither the AKC litter number, nor the individual registration number, at the time each puppy nomination is made, this information must be forwarded to the Futurity Chairman immediately upon receipt. If ownership changes after individual puppy nomination is made, the Futurity Chairman must be provided with correct information regarding:

- Name of puppy
- Registration number
- Sex
- New owner's name, address and phone number

If the Futurity Chairman has not received this information at least one month prior to the date of the Futurity, the Rottweiler in question shall be disqualified. The same rule shall apply to the change of a Rottweiler's name if such occurs at time of registration.

Eligibility

The Rottweiler MUST be entered in one of the regular classes at the ARC National Specialty show. When completing the entry form for the ARC Specialty, the fact that the Rottweiler is to be shown in the Futurity MUST BE INDICATED AS AN EXTRA CLASS in the appropriate space provided on the entry form. No additional fee will be required for the futurity class. No Rottweiler will be eligible to compete in the Futurity, which does not meet the following requirements:

- Be from a litter that was properly and timely nominated.
- Have been individually nominated before it has reached the age of four months
- Be properly entered in one of the regular classes of the ARC Specialty.
- Whelped from parents who are two years of age and OFA Hip certified prior to the date that the breeding took place.

Refunds of Nomination Fee

The nomination fee will be refunded for the following reasons.

The breeder is selected to judge the futurity stake making all litter nominations and individual puppy nominations that they or a member of their immediate family* nominated ineligible at the Futurity in which the breeder is judging. Any futurity nominated puppy that by virtue of its placement in the futurity could result in a monetary prize to the judge or a member of their immediate family* is ineligible for competition at that futurity. * Immediate family as defined by AKC.

Transfer of Ownership

Ownership of a Rottweiler dam may be transferred to another breeder, provided that the new owner is in good standing with the AKC at the time of whelping and at the time of the Futurity Stakes. The new owner must notify the futurity chairperson of the transfer of ownership at least 30 days prior to the Futurity Stakes. The new owner will be the recipient of any monetary awards/trophy as outlined in the MONETARY AWARDS section of the Futurity Stakes Rules.

Death

If a breeder shall nominate a litter and subsequently die before the Futurity, the nomination shall be valid and the puppies will be considered as eligible for nomination, entry and judging provided that all subsequent fees are paid to date. Any award shall be paid to the owner's estate.

Selection of Judges

It shall be the prerogative of the breeders who are members of the American Rottweiler Club of the nominated dams to nominate the Futurity Stake judge for the following year. On the Litter Nomination Form there will be a section for the breeder* of each nominated litter to nominate ONE person from the current ARC Futurity Judges List for the Futurity Stake judge. This list is available on the ARC web site: www.amrottclub.org or from the Futurity Chairman.

Each eligible breeder * shall thereafter, one month, more or less, from the deadline for nominations, receive a ballot listing all persons nominated as set forth above. Each eligible breeder shall vote for FIVE candidates and list in order of preference, i.e., first, second, third, etc. * There will be one ballot for each litter nominated regardless of the number of breeders of record.

The candidate receiving the highest total of points (a vote of first choice receiving 5 points, second receiving 4 points, etc.) in the votes cast shall then be declared the Futurity Stake judge for the following year. In the event the number of dogs entered requires a second judge, the candidate receiving the second highest total number of points shall judge the bitch class only. When the ballots for selection of a judge are tallied and a tie for first place has resulted, the Futurity Chairman shall determine who will be the judge for that particular Futurity.

During the nominating and voting period, the Futurity Chairman will not disclose names of Futurity breeders. No voting information will be disclosed until all voting is closed, in accordance with a specified deadline date. At that time, participants will be notified of the voting outcome.

Ballots that are incomplete, incorrect, unsigned or exceed the deadline date will be considered invalid.

Judges

All elected futurity stakes judges must be in good standing with the AKC at the time of the election and the judging assignment.

Any person(s) who signs the contract accepting the honor of judging a Futurity Stake automatically voids the competition in that same futurity stake of any nominated litter(s) in which they or a member of their immediate family* is listed as breeder or owner. Any nomination money paid by the person elected to judge (includes their immediate family*) for that year is refundable. Should the judge be unable to officiate at the futurity stakes for any reason, the nominated litter(s) will not be eligible.

Any futurity nominated puppy that by virtue of its placement in the futurity could result in a monetary prize to the judge or a member of their immediate family* is ineligible for competition at that futurity. A refund of all nomination fees for the ineligible

dam and puppies will be made due to the conflict of interest. Nominators must apply to the ARC Futurity Chairman for this refund prior to the close of entries. * Immediate family as defined by AKC

Futurity Stake Classes

Junior Dogs, 6 months to under 9 months
Junior Dogs, 9 months to under 12 months
Senior Dogs, 12 months to under 15 months
Senior Dogs, 15 months to under 18 months.
Senior Dogs, + 18 months. **
(Same classes for Bitches)

BEST JUNIOR (Four Winners Competing)

BEST SENIOR (Four/Six ** Winners Competing)

BEST IN FUTURITY (Two Winners Competing)

** The dates of the ARC National Specialty fluctuate from year to year. Puppies are eligible to compete in the first ARC National Futurity held on or after the date they reach six months of age, and only in this Futurity. Occasionally, puppies entered will be older than eighteen months on the date of the first Futurity, which they are eligible for, occurs. When needed, the additional class of "+18 months" will be added to the normal classes. The exact age qualifications for this additional class will vary from year to year and will be stated in the Premium List. Example: Specialty 2009 held on March 15; Specialty 2010 held on April 15 - the +18 class for the 2010 Futurity would be for dogs that were born between September 16 and October 14, 2008, thus making them 18 months to less than 19 months.

Monetary Awards

In this stake there will be 35 cash wins, the three individuals (the breeder, the owner, and the owner of the sire at the time of nomination) partaking of these awards, for a total of 72 monetary awards, won by 32 different Rottweilers. (If a +18 class is needed, there will be 43 cash wins, for a total of 88 monetary awards, won by 40 different Rottweilers.)

Ten Percent shall be deducted from the total nomination and entry fee purse to be used for Futurity expenses. This will be known as the General Expense Fund. This Fund shall be used to cover all expenses incurred by the Futurity Stake, i.e., judges, printing, mailing, etc. Since the administrative and judging expense will vary from year to year, excess in any given year shall be carried for use in future years.

Twenty-five percent shall be deducted from the total nomination and entry fee purse to be awarded as follows: 15% to the Best in Futurity, 5% to the Best Senior in Futurity, and 5% to the Best Junior in Futurity. The 15% Best in Futurity award will be divided: 50% to the recorded breeder of the winner and 50% to the recorded owner of the winner. The 5% awarded to the Best Junior and Best Senior in Futurity is to be divided: 50% to the recorded breeder, 30% to the recorded owner and 20% to the owner of the sire or owner of the frozen semen at the time of mating, for each winner.

The remaining 65 percent of the total purse shall be divided according to the percent of the total entry represented by the number of dogs entered in each class. See example below.

Ribbons shall be awarded through fourth place in each class. Rosettes shall be given to the Best in Futurity, Best Senior and Best Junior entry. The cost for each will be covered from the General Expense Fund. Trophies may be given but the Futurity Stakes funds will not be utilized for this purpose. Trophy solicitations for the Futurity Stake shall be the responsibility of the Trophy Chairperson for each ARC Specialty.

Monetary Awards will be given to the handler presenting the puppy in the ring for the four class placements. The Best Junior, Best Senior and Best in Futurity monetary awards will be given to the breeder who nominated the litter, the sire's owner who is listed first on the litter nomination and the puppy owner who is listed first on the individual puppy nomination. The monetary award will be mailed to them should they not be present. Monetary awards, which are provided for but cannot be given, whatever the reason, shall be applied to the total Futurity Stake for the following year.

The Best in Futurity Trophy will be given to the breeder who has nominated the litter. Should the winner not be present the trophy will be mailed.

Futurity Stake Example

Total Futurity Stake = \$ 1,000

A. 10% = \$100 General Expense Fund

B. 25% = \$250 Three Best Awards

\$150 to Best in Futurity

- a. \$75 to Breeder
- b. \$75 to Owner

\$50 to Best Senior in Futurity

- a. \$25 to Breeder
- b. \$15 to Owner
- c. \$10 to Owner of Sire

\$50 to Best Junior in Futurity

- a. \$25 to Breeder
- b. \$15 to Owner
- c. \$10 to Owner of Sire

C. 65% = \$650 Remaining Awards

Assuming a total entry of 100 with 10 entered in the 6-9-puppy bitch class. Thus, 10% of the \$650 or \$65 is divided in the 6-9-puppy bitch class with the following divisions:

First Place = 40% of \$65 = \$26

60% of \$26 = \$15.60 to Breeder

40% of \$26 = \$10.40 to Owner

Second Place = 30% of \$65 = \$19.50

60% of \$19.50 = \$11.70 to Breeder

40% of \$19.50 = \$7.80 to Owner

Third Place = 20% of \$65 = \$13

60% of \$13 = \$7.80 to Breeder

40% of \$13 = \$5.20 to Owner

Fourth Place = 10% of \$65 = \$6.50

60% of \$6.50 = \$3.90 to Breeder

40% of \$6.50 = \$2.60 to Owner

Ribbons

The class placement ribbons will follow the colors as required by AKC for all non-regular classes. The rosette for Best Junior and Best Senior In Futurity will be pastel pink and pastel blue. The rosette for Best In Futurity shall be pastel pink, pastel blue and white.

The ARC Board of Directors and the ARC Futurity Chairperson will review the Futurity Stakes rules annually.