KUSA Showdog of the Year Competition Rules

Rules proposed by EXCO & accepted by FEDCO in June 2016

The KUSA Showdog of the Year competition is open to all dogs on the Kennel Union Breed Register. Show dogs can earn points during the competition timeline by participating in any of the KUSA Licensed All-Breed Conformation Shows across Southern Africa. Participation in the competition is automatic and points are automatically calculated from marked show catalogues submitted by the host club.

Competition timeline

The KUSA Showdog of the Year competition will run from the day **after** the final show of the KUSA Classic ~~cluster~~ weekend, ~~which includes the KUSA Championship show and KUSA Nationals in any year,~~ to the final day of the KUSA Classic ~~cluster~~ weekend ~~which includes the KUSA Championship and KUSA Nationals in the following year~~ (Competition Period).

The 2017 KUSA Showdog of the Year: **Starts on 30 May 2016 and ends on 28 May 2017**

KUSA Showdog Point System

	KUSA Show Awards	KUSA Showdog points
All Breed Championship Shows	Best in Show (BIS)	10 Points
	Reserve Best in Show (RBIS)	6 Points
	Best in Group (BIG)	4 Points
	2nd in Group	3 Points
	3rd in Group	2 Points
	4th in Group	1 Point
KUSA Nationals	Best in Show (BIS)	20 Points
	Reserve Best in Show (RBIS)	12 Points
	Best in Group (BIG)	8 Points
	2nd in Group	6 Points
	3rd in Group	4 Points
	4th in Group	2 Points
FCI Shows	Best in Show (BIS)	10 Points
	Reserve Best in Show (RBIS)	6 Points
	Best in Group (BIG)	4 Points
	2nd in Group	3 Points

How it works

Getting the points

All points attained at **All Breeds Championship, FCI & KUSA National Shows** will count towards a dog's points on the Showdog League Table, as maintained in the KUSA office. Participants can earn bonus points if a dog is awarded ~~with one of the titles in the table above.~~ 3 Best in Shows. At KUSA Nationals, dogs can earn double points.

~~**Adding it together**~~

~~All points gained at the shows listed above will count towards your dog's placement on the KUSA Showdog of the Year league table. From the total points in the league table, the top ten points for each dog is calculated on the Showdog Points table as published on the website. The total on the points table is a total of a dog's top ten points, not all the points earned within the competition timeline. For example, if a dog has earned 5 BIS, 5 RBIS and 2 BIG, only the BIS and RBIS points will be counted on the points table~~.

~~At the conclusion of the competition timeline, only the **10 best results** of each dog will be taken into consideration to determine their final placing on the points table.~~

In the case of an equality of points, the highest awards earned will receive the higher place, e.g.:
Dog A has 5 x BIS + 5 x RBIS + 3 x BIG
Dog B has 5 x BIS, + 5 RBIS, + 5 BIG
Because **Dog B** has earned more BIG titles, it will take the higher placing on the Points Table.

Bonus Points

Multi Best in Show wins – 3 x BIS = 5 Bonus Points

For every three (3) BIS titles won during the competition timeline, 5 Bonus Points will be added to the dog's score. In other words, a dog with 9 BIS titles earned during the competition timeline will receive 3 bonuses of 5 points each = 15 bonus points.

Points Table

A points table of the leading dogs will be updated throughout the Competition Timeline and it will be published on the KUSA website at www.kusa.co.za. ~~This points table reflects the top ten points for each dog. The league table, as discussed above, refers to the total points for all qualifying shows.~~

The publication of points gained, is dependent on timeous and accurate submissions of marked show catalogues from the host clubs to the KUSA office. Each version of the points table includes a note to indicate which shows have been included in the results. Any omissions or errors should be brought to the attention of the KUSA office via email to Karene@kusa.co.za.

Awards & Prizes

Peter Collins Memorial Floating Shield

This floating trophy is engraved with each Showdog of the Year winner's name, the owner's name as well as the breeder's name and affix. The trophy is displayed in a place of honor in the KUSA office in Cape Town.

Represent South Africa at FCI World Challenge

The KUSA Showdog of the Year winner will qualify to represent South Africa and KUSA at the Annual FCI World Challenge event (if held), at their own cost. (KUSA EXCO 23/09/14)

Sponsored Prizes

Prizes as deemed appropriate by KUSA or any sponsor of the competition will be awarded to the Winner, Reserve winner and the other Group Winners. Potential sponsors are welcome to contact the KUSA office.