

KUSA



CLASSIC 2022

Q&A

THE NATIONALS

Q: What are the KUSA National awards?

A: *A prestigious competition held by KUSA where Breed Champions and Best Puppy in Show winners compete for prizes and titles.*

Q: When do the KUSA National awards take place?

A: *From 10:30 on Sunday 29 May. Breeds and Groups will be judged in the various Group Rings and Finals in the Main Ring.*

Q: What qualifications does a dog need to enter **KUSA National DOG**?

A: *To enter **KUSA National DOG**, a dog must be recorded at KUSA as a breed Champion.*

Q: What qualifications does a dog need to enter **KUSA National PUPPY**?

A: *To enter **KUSA National PUPPY**, a dog must have be under 24 months on the day of the event, and must have won a **Best Puppy in Show** award at an All-breeds Championship show. FCI shows, Group shows and Breed shows do NOT count.*

Q: How do I enter and what is the entry fee?

A: *You simply complete a normal entry form and under "CLUB:" insert **KUSA NATIONALS** and under "CLASS:" insert **NAT DOG** or **NAT PUPPY**.*

Q: For National Dog, do I need to send a copy of my dog's Championship certificate?

A: *No, but your dog **MUST** be recorded at KUSA as a champion. All champions are checked by the KUSA office.*

Q: For National Puppy, do I need to send a copy of my dog's best Puppy in Show when entering?

A: *While not essential, it really assists our team if you can either send a copy of the BPIS certificate, or at least include details of the show at which you won.*

Q: How is the National event judged?

A: *Much like a normal show. Breeds are judged in alphabetical order with puppies of each Breed being judged first, followed by adults of the same Breed. The main difference to a normal show is that all the Puppy qualifiers in a particular breed enter the ring*

together, irrespective of sex, and the judge selects a winner. All the Champions of that breed then enter the ring together, irrespective of sex, and the judge again selects a winner.

The winning Puppies and Champions then compete in Groups and finally in Best in Show.

Q: What can my dog win in the National **Puppy** event?

*A: The overall winner of KUSA National Puppy receives a special award certificate from KUSA and a medallion. The winner also has the title **KUSA Nat Puppy '22** added to their name on their registration.*

Q: What can my dog win in the National **Dog** event?

*The overall winner of KUSA National Dog has the title **KUSA Nat Dog '22** added to their name on their registration.*

The overall winner and all Adult Group winners win medallions and receive special award certificates issued after the show by the KUSA office.

*In addition, this year, for the first time, all Breed and Group winners will have the title **KUSA Breed '22** or **KUSA Group '22** permanently added to their names on their registrations.*

All Adult Breed winners also receive special award certificates which are issued after the show by the KUSA office.

Q: How do the nationals relate to the KUSA Showdog of the Year contest?

*The National Dog is the **only** special event that earns points towards the KUSA Showdog of the Year contest! Points are awarded for the 4 Group Placings, Best In Show, and Reserve Best in Show at DOUBLE the number earned for All Breed Championship shows. In other words, Group 1st at the Nationals will earn 8 points as opposed to 4.*

The Nationals are also the final event that counts towards the 2021/2022 Showdog of the Year Contest.

Q: What about the **National Handling** events?

A: *Watch this space for the next Q&A which will be all about the Handling. 😊*