

Beginner's Guide

Stakes

What are YKC Stakes classes?

The dogs are judged against one another and against their own breed standard. The handlers are not judged against one another.

Stakes classes are held at the majority of General Championship Shows with one class for each group, Hound, Gundog, Terrier, Utility, Working, Pastoral and Toy. The age groups are between 6-24 years.

Beforehand

Basic training can be gained from Ringcraft classes at local training clubs, as all that is required from you is to show your dog as you would for a normal breed class. The YKC can provide you with a list of Ringcraft classes in your area that welcome YKC members.

If you are a new member it is useful to watch these classes before you take

Checklist for your first show

What equipment do I need?

- Show Collar
- Lead
- Brush or Comb
- Any equipment specific to showing your breed (e.g. Box for Yorkshire Terriers)



How do I qualify for Crufts?

If you win a class at a General Championship Show, or are placed behind a YKC member who has already qualified you will qualify for the YKC Stakes Final at Crufts. Here you will be entered into another class just like the ones you have been taking part in during the year. If you win your Stakes Group at Crufts, the highlight is to take part in the YKC Stakes Final in the Main Ring prior to Best in Show. All seven group winners are then judged in the Main Ring to find the YKC Stakes Winner and Runner Up.

part so that you can actually see what happens. Feel free to ask other members for tips and advice, as they will be able to offer you support and encouragement.

Classes usually take place in the afternoon at shows, but you will be advised of the specific judging order in advance before each show.

What type of dog is suitable?

All pedigree dogs are suitable for these events.

Your dog must be registered with the Kennel Club.

How do I enter a class?

You need to enter these classes on the specific show entry form along with your breed entry.



Further information

For further information please contact the YKC office at ykc@the-kennel-club.org.uk or visit the Kennel Club website www.the-kennel-club.org.uk

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