



DOGS QUEENSLAND – DOG OF THE YEAR 2025

Saturday 7 February 2025

Dogs Queensland Grounds, Durack

6 – 6:30pm:	Mandatory Attendance Registration (Check In)
6:35pm:	Round 1 Draw
6:45pm:	Introduction of Judges
6:50pm:	Parade of Entrance / Qualifying Welcome Pack Presentation (mandatory participation)
7pm:	Round 1 – Head to Head Competition Commences

Qualification:

- Won a Best In Show at a Championship Show in Queensland between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025
- See attached competition rules for full details.

Entries Closing: 14 January 2026

Entry Fee (All Classes): \$50.00 / dog

Email: doy@dogsqueensland.org.au

Entry Information Required for Every Entry: Email the following information to the committee:

- Copy of the dog's pedigree papers

- Image for the catalogue of your dog (side profile preferred – dog only)
- Name and date of the qualifying show you won

Theme: “Bling It Up” in Queensland Maroon & White (prizes to be won)

Catalogues: \$25.00 (hard copy only / pre-ordered only) – see separate order page on ShowManager

Catalogue Advertising: \$30 per page (PDF print ready – B&W or Colour) – see separate order page on ShowManager

Ringside Gazebo Places: \$40 per night (24 limited places - 3m x 3m gazebo spaces allocated – opening in January on Show Manager) – see separate order page on ShowManager

Camping: Regular Durack camping is available

Catering: Wagz Café will be offering pre-ordered Grazing Boxes, Pizzas and limited over the counter food and refreshments

On the Night Registration: Exhibits must be confirmed as in attendance on the night to remain in the draw

Parade of Entrants: Each event will have a mandatory parade of all entrants 10 minutes prior to the start time to receive your exhibitor welcome pack and confirm your attendance and participation

Draws: At the end of each round, a draw will take place to allocated the next round of Head to Head competition

On the Day Contact: Katrina Santas 0403 257 072

The Competition:

- Head to head heats of two dogs competing against each other with the winner progressing to the next round;
- Three all breeds judges that will be announced on the night that will be presiding in three separate areas of the ring so there will be no conferring;
- Judges placing their progressing exhibit into a hat for the ring manager to announce;
- Eliminated dogs requested to have their official individual photo taken by Tak Photography in the Judges Training Room on the podium immediately upon elimination;
- All progressing dogs will be re-drawn at each round level; and
- The Winner and Runner Up being awarded in the final round with commemorative photos immediately after on the podium.

Get into the fun this year:

- A lucky exhibit sweeps in all three categories – fingers crossed you draw the winning or runner up exhibit number to win;
- A dress theme to go with the prestige of the nights of “Bling It Up” Queensland Maroon & White – be sure to be wearing at least one of these colours on the night;
- Best dressed marquee front;
- Commemorative certificates to all participating exhibits;
- Commemorative podium photos for every dog (taken by and purchased through Tak Photography);
- A monster raffle with multiple draws (Tickets will be on sale through Show Manager); and
- A parade of “Fashions on the Field” Best Dressed handlers and supporters competition each night!

Sponsors:

Thanks to the many sponsors and supporters for this year’s event, without your support and enthusiasm the event would not be the great spectacle that is, many thanks.

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Dogs Queensland Dog of the Year Rules 2025



RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF QUEENSLAND DOG OF THE YEAR COMPETITION IN 2025

GENERAL RULES

1. The Queensland Dog of the Year Competition will be sponsored, promoted and run by Dogs Queensland, commencing on Wednesday, 1st January 2025 and ending on Wednesday, 31st December 2025.
2. The Dog of the Year Final will be judged on Saturday evening, 7th February 2026.
3. In the event that a cash prize is awarded for the Competition, the prize will be awarded in the name of the Queensland resident owner/s of the winning exhibit. Where an exhibit is held in joint ownership with a current financial member of the ANKC, that member must be financial as of 1st January 2025 up to and including 7th February 2026.
4. Finalists in the competition will receive a memento from the Events Committee.
5. Catalogues for the Competition will be available for a fee.
6. The Committee is authorised to take steps to verify the eligibility of Competition finalists. Should an exhibitor or exhibit not meet all the specific criteria for eligibility, the exhibit in question will not be permitted to compete in the Competition Final.
7. The Events Committee reserves the right to alter any Competition rules should it be deemed necessary.
8. The Dogs Queensland Board of Directors is the final arbiter of disputed issues in respect to this Competition and exhibitors acknowledge that, by entering this Competition, they agree to be bound by the Rules and they further agree to indemnify Dogs Queensland against all claims arising from any actions associated with this Competition.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

In order to qualify for Dog of the Year, the exhibit must reside in the State of Queensland from 1st January 2025 or born during 2025 and reside in the State of Queensland and must remain resident in the State until the Competition date, 7th February 2026.

The exhibit must be registered to a Dogs Queensland member either solely or in partnership during this period (General Rules 3).

To reside means to physically live at the address on the Certificate of Registration. The term 'exhibitor' means owner/s, as recorded on the Certificate of Registration.

INELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

All Events Committee Members and any other individual closely involved with the Competition or closely associated with persons involved with the Competition shall be excluded from entering at the discretion of the Events Committee. Sponsors are eligible to enter at the discretion of the Events Committee.

The decision if any person and/or exhibit should be excluded is to be decided upon the facts of each case with the final arbiter being the Events Committee.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The following eligibility requirements must be adhered to:

1. If an entrant has ownership transferred during the Competition period, its results remain valid if the ownership of the dog remains valid (Refer to Eligibility to Compete) and providing the exhibit continues to reside in Queensland.
2. Any exhibit leased/transferred out of Queensland during the Competition period, or any exhibitor who moves Interstate or Overseas during the Competition period, automatically loses

all entitlements to compete in the Competition.

3. All fees paid by an Exhibitor to enter in the Competition (including fees paid by an Exhibitor who falls under General Requirements 2), will not be refunded.
4. Any exhibitor who transfers to Queensland, permanently, from another Country / State will be eligible to compete:
 - (i) providing they join and/or hold current membership of Dogs Queensland:
 - a) at their permanent address in Queensland; and
 - b) during the eligibility period and is prior to and includes the end date of the eligibility period (Refer to General Rules 1).
 - (ii) providing the exhibit is transferred to that Queensland address and resides there, referred to in (i), for the majority of the eligibility period (majority referring to more than half of the time of the eligibility period).

QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRY AS A FINALIST

1. For the Dog of the Year Competition an exhibit over the age of 6 (six) months is required to be awarded a minimum of 1 (one) Best in Show at any All Breeds Championship Show, Agricultural Show, Group / Multi Breed Championship Show where a Best in Show is awarded, or a Breed / Multi Breed Specialty Championship Show held in Queensland during the qualifying period (Refer General Rules 1).
2. To enter the Final, exhibitors will register their exhibit for a fee of \$50 per exhibit through Show Manager prior to the advertised closing date, 14th January 2026.
3. All rules under the General Rules apply.
4. For cataloguing purposes, the following is required of the qualifying exhibit by 14th January 2026:
 - (i) Photocopy of the Exhibits registration to be emailed to the Events Committee
 - (ii) Owners Name
 - (iii) Breed of exhibit
 - (iv) Date of birth of exhibit
 - (v) Name and date of the qualifying show.

Note:

The Events Committee reserves all rights to include or exclude an exhibit which they feel does or does not meet any of the criteria listed within these Rules.

The Dog of the Year Event will be run in accordance with the rules and regulations of Dogs Queensland.

However, given the contrasting nature of the event to that of a normal Conformation Show, the rules can be subject to change in exceptional circumstances, at the Events Committee's discretion.