

The American Whippet Club

The American Whippet Club is the national breed club for Whippets within the American Kennel Club. The AWC promotes the showing, responsible breeding, obedience training and competition, lure coursing, and versatility of the Whippet breed.

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2017 Futurity & 2018 Maturity Requirements and Rules and Bitch Nomination Form

Requirements and Rules

- The Futurity is sponsored by the American Whippet Club and is exclusively for the competition of puppies and juniors between 6 months and 18 months of age.
- The Futurity is open to all breeders of AKC registered whippets in good standing with the American Kennel Club and the American Whippet Club.
- The Maturity is sponsored by the American Whippet Club and is open to any member of a litter which was nominated for the Futurity the year prior to the Maturity. Maturity Classes shall be Maturity Dogs and Maturity Bitches. The Futurity Judge will also judge the Maturity Dog and Maturity Bitch Class, following the selection of Best in Futurity. The winner of Maturity Dog Class and Maturity Bitch Class shall compete for Best in Maturity. The Maturity will be held starting with the 2017 AWC National (this change voted in by the general membership on 04/24/14). Maturity pedigrees shall not be printed in the Futurity Catalog.
- Puppies eligible for the 2017 Futurity/2018 Maturity must be out of Futurity nominated bitches and whelped on or after October 27, 2015 and on or before October 27, 2016. Nominated litters whelped in the year following that date will be eligible for the 2018 Futurity and the 2019 Maturity.
- The bitch must be nominated prior to whelping. The official Bitch Nomination Form, along with the fee of \$30 and copies of current CERF/OFA eye exam certificates for both the sire and dam, must be sent to the Futurity Chairman and postmarked prior to the whelping date.
- CERF/OFA eye exams for both the sire and dam must have been completed before the breeding date. (This was effective starting with the 2012 Futurity). Copies of CERF/OFA Eye Exam Certificates or a copy of the application for a CERF/OFA Eye Exam Certificate (the actual exam paperwork marked normal in both eyes) must be submitted for both the sire and dam with the Bitch Nomination Form. CERF/OFA Eye examinations are valid for one year.
- If the sire or dam of the litter being nominated is 10 years of age or older, a current CERF/OFA Eye exam is not required for that dog. HOWEVER, the dog must have had and passed at least one CERF/OFA exam between the ages of 8 and 10 years. **A copy of the last CERF/OFA Eye Exam Certificate must be submitted with the Bitch Nomination Form.**
- Late bitch nominations are accepted if they are postmarked prior to the litter turning 6 weeks old. The fee for a late nomination is \$75. Breeders of late nominated bitches waive their right to nominate and vote for the Futurity Judge.
- The official Litter Nomination Form, along with the fee of \$35 and a four- generation pedigree, must be postmarked prior to the litter turning 3 months old.
- To enter the Futurity, puppies must be entered in a Regular Conformation Class and the appropriate Futurity Class as an 'additional' class at the AWC National they were nominated and are eligible for. The same requirements apply to the Maturity.
- Puppies are only eligible to be shown in one Futurity; the first Futurity that they are at least 6 months of age. Puppies are only eligible to shown in one Maturity.

- Futurity Classes will be divided according to age and sex as follows:
 - Dogs 6-8 months
 - Dogs 8-10 months
 - Dogs 10-12 Months
 - Dogs 12-15 Months
 - Dogs 15-18 Months
 - Bitches 6-8 months
 - Bitches 8-10 months
 - Bitches 10-12 Months
 - Bitches 12-15 Months
 - Bitches 15-18 Months
- The winner of each class will compete for Best In Futurity.
- In the event that the date of the AWC National is later in April than the previous year, the age limit shall be increased and the nominees affected shall be eligible for competition in the 14-18 Month classes.
- The Futurity Judge is chosen by a two-step process by breeders of nominated bitches who are members in good standing of the American Whippet Club.
 - Step 1: Ballots are sent to the First AWC Member listed as breeder on the Bitch Nomination Form. For each nominated bitch, the breeder/or breeders may submit one slate of two names. One ballot will be accepted for each bitch nominated. Once those breeders have voted (nominated), they may not vote (nominate) again during the current year. It is up to the breeder(s) to decide which litter they wish to be considered eligible on if they are listed as a breeder or co-breeder on other litters. All eligible breeders must nominate two (2) different names of any person with the qualification of “hands on experience” with the Whippet breed. These people must be in good standing with the AKC.
 - Step 2: Ballots are again sent to the First AWC Member listed as breeder on the Bitch Nomination Form. The breeder/or breeders will select one (1) name from the final list of a minimum of six (6) names. The nominees will be queried as to their willingness to judge the event by the sequence established in the balloting process. The alternate Judge will be selected by the second greatest number of votes. The nominee who accepts this nomination will be assigned as an alternate.
- “Late” bitch nominations forfeit their right to ballot for the Futurity Judge.
- Prize Money – 35% of entry & nomination fees will be retained by the Futurity for expenses. 35% of the remainder will be given to the Best In Futurity winner. The remainder will be divided as follows: 40% for First Place, 30% for Second Place, 20% for Third Place and 10% for Fourth Place. Prize money shall be awarded to the breeder/breeders only. If an owner or exhibitor of the winning dog is not the breeder, and the breeder is not present, a check will be mailed directly to the breeder. It is between the breeders, exhibitors and owners to decide possession of any awards or cash prizes presented for any wins.
- For the Maturity, 35% of entry fees shall be retained by the Futurity for expenses, 35% of the remainder shall be rewarded to Best in Maturity. The remainder will be divided as follows: 40% for First Place, 30% for Second Place, 20% for Third Place and 10% for Fourth Place. Prize money shall be awarded to the breeder/breeders only. If an owner or exhibitor of the winning dog is not the breeder, and the breeder is not present, a check will be mailed directly to the breeder. It is between the breeders, exhibitors and owners to decide possession of any awards or cash prizes presented for any wins.
- Entry fees will be retained in the event a nominated bitch or puppy is found to be ineligible under any of the above conditions.

Submission Information

Bitch Nomination Fee

\$30.00 with nomination made while bitch is in whelp and so postmarked. Late bitch nominations will be accepted if postmarked before the litter is 6 weeks old. The fee for this late nomination is \$75.00. Breeders of late nominated bitches waive their right to vote for the Futurity Judge.

Litter Nomination Fee

\$35.00 to nominate the entire litter. The litter nomination must be made before the litter has reached 3 months of age and must be so postmarked. Litter nomination forms are automatically sent. Contact the Futurity Chairman if you have not received litter forms by the time your puppies are 2 months old.

Individual Puppy Nomination

Entry into the appropriate Futurity class at the AWC National is considered to be the individual nomination of the puppy. If the puppy was not entered in the appropriate Futurity Class, entry into the appropriate Maturity Class the following year shall be considered the individual nomination of the puppy.

ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ON OFFICIAL FORMS AND IN U.S. FUNDS ONLY

Make checks payable to AWC Futurity and mail the completed application directly to:

Futurity Chair

Rhonda Gifford
4821 E. Rogers Lane
San Tan Valley, AZ 85140

480-710-3536
awcfuturity@gmail.com

AWC Futurity/Maturity Bitch Nomination Form

Registered Name of Bitch _____

AKC Number _____

Registered Name of Stud Dog _____

AKC Number _____

Date Bred _____ Due Date _____

CERF/OFA-EYE exams for both the sire and dam must have been completed before the breeding date. Copies of CERF/OFA-EYE Certificates or a copy of the application for a CERF/OFA-EYE Certificate (the actual exam paperwork marked normal in both eyes) must be submitted for both the sire and dam with this Bitch Nomination Form. CERF/OFA-EYE examinations are valid for one year.

Breeder's Name _____

Address _____

Phone number(s) _____

Email address _____

AWC Member at time of breeding? Yes _____ No _____
(For Futurity Judge Ballot Purposes)

Co-Breeder's Name(s) _____

AWC Member at time of breeding? Yes _____ No _____
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LITTER NOMINATION FEE

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INDIVIDUAL PUPPY NOMINATION

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