

CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB, USA

DEFINITION OF CLASSES

The term "Dog" applies to both sexes unless otherwise specified.

CONFORMATION

As of 10/8/09

OFFICIAL CONFORMATION CLASSES

(Championship Points awarded if entry justifies.)

Junior Puppy	Puppies 5 months but not yet 9 months.
Senior Puppy	Puppies 9 months but not yet 12 months.
Graduate Puppy	Dogs 12 months but not yet 18 months and not holding a CKCSC, USA championship title.
Novice	Dogs 5 months and older, never to have won two first prizes or any major points at a CKCSC, USA or CKCSC Regional Championship Show nor at a Championship (Point) Show in any country in which the Breed is recognized.
Bred By Exhibitor	Dogs 5 months and older, owned by the breeder and handled in the ring by the breeder or his/her spouse or domestic partner. The breeder is the registered owner of the dam at the time of whelping.
Junior American Bred	Dogs 5 months but not yet 18 months, whelped in the USA of a mating that took place in the USA, and not holding a CKCSC, USA championship if over 12 months of age.
American Bred	Dogs 18 months and older, whelped in the USA of a mating that took place in the USA and not holding a CKCSC, USA championship title.
Second Generation American Bred	Dogs 5 months and older which are American Bred and of which both sire and dam are American Bred, and not holding a CKCSC, USA championship title. (Offered at the National Specialty, Members Club Show, and Trudy Brown Memorial Rally only.)
Health & Conformation	Dogs 5 years of age and older with an OFA certificate that shows and OFA registry number and states that the dog has no evidence of hip dysplasia after 2 years of age and is certified clear within 1 year of the postmark closing date for that show of the following diseases: 1) Heart - by a board certified cardiologist; 2) Patellar Luxation - by a licensed veterinarian or via an OFA patella certificate; 3) Eyes - by CERF or by a board certified veterinary ophthalmologist's exam sheet indicating that eyes are "normal". Copies of the 4 certificates must accompany the entry form for any dog entering this class.
Special Limit Blenheim	Blenheim dogs 5 months and older and not holding a CKCSC, USA championship title if over 12 months of age.
Special Limit Tricolor	Tricolor dogs 5 months and older and not holding a CKCSC, USA championship title if over 12 months of age.
Special Limit Ruby	Ruby dogs 5 months and older and not holding a CKCSC, USA championship title if over 12 months of age.
Special Limit Black & Tan	Black & Tan dogs 5 months and older and not holding a CKCSC, USA championship title if over 12 months of age.

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Open Dogs 5 months and older.

Senior Open Dogs 7 years and older.

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Veteran Dogs 7 years and older. Class to be judged on overall quality and conformation of the dogs, regardless of their age.

Stud Dog Stud dogs to parade with 2 or more of their get from at least 2 different litters, not necessarily in the same ownership. Get must be entered in an Official or Unofficial Conformation Class at this Show. Class to be judged on quality and consistency of get only.

Brood Bitch Brood bitches to parade with two or more of their produce from at least two different litters, not necessarily in the same ownership. Produce must be entered in an Official or Unofficial Conformation Class at this Show. Class to be judged on quality and consistency of produce only.

Brace Two dogs 5 months or older, of the same color and in the same ownership but not necessarily of the same sex. Class to be judged on similarity and quality.

FINAL AND SPECIAL AWARDS

All official conformation classes are judged for dogs, then bitches. Winners/Reserve Winners competition takes place after judging concludes for that sex. Unofficial conformation classes, including Best Veteran In Show, are judged after the competition for Winners/Reserve Winners Bitch. The remaining Final and Special Awards follow the unofficial conformation classes.

Winners (WD, WB) is awarded from the Class Winners.

Reserve Winners (RWD, RWB) is awarded from the remaining Class Winners and the second place dog to Winners.

Best Veteran In Show is awarded from the winners of the Veteran Classes.

Best In Show (BIS) is awarded from Winners Dog and Winners Bitch.

Reserved Best In Show (RBIS) is awarded from the Opposite Sex Winners and the Reserve Winners to Best In Show.

Best Puppy In Show (BPIS) is awarded from the winners of the Junior and Senior Puppy Classes after Best In Show is awarded.

Final Awards are awarded from eligible dogs from all of the classes. The definition for these Special Awards is the same as the class definition. They must include:

- Best American Bred In Show
- Best Bred By Exhibitor In Show
- Best Blenheim In Show
- Best Tricolor In Show
- Best Ruby In Show
- Best Black-and-Tan In Show

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HANDLING

(To be judged on how well the dogs are handled, NOT on the dogs themselves.)

- Children's Handling** Handlers 6 years but not yet 12 years. Dogs not to be placed upon the examining table.
- Senior Handling** Handlers 12 years but not yet 17 years. Dogs to be placed upon examining table.

PERFORMANCE

As of 7/14/09

(Dogs must be 5 months or older.)

OBEDIENCE

OFFICIAL OBEDIENCE CLASSES

(Qualifying scores may earn legs toward obedience titles.)

- Utility B** Dogs holding a C-CDX or C-UD.
- Utility A** Dogs holding a C-CDX.
- Open B** Dogs holding a C-CD, C-CDX or C-UD.
- Open A** Dogs holding a C-CD.
- Novice B** Dogs not holding the C-CD, shown by a handler who has completed an obedience title with a Cavalier or a dog of any other breed in any country in which the breed is recognized. A C-CD dog may continue to compete in this class until it receives a qualifying score in an Open Class or until it has received one (1) High In Trial award prior to the closing date of the trial. This one (1) High in Trial award is in addition to any obtained before or during the 60 day period after receiving the CD title.
- Novice A** Dogs not holding the C-CD, shown by a handler who has not completed an obedience title with a Cavalier or a dog of any other breed in any country in which the breed is recognized.

OPTIONAL TITLING CLASSES

(Qualifying scores may earn legs toward obedience titles.)

- Graduate Novice** Dogs that have not earned a C-GN.
- Graduate Open** Dogs that have not earned a C-GO.

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UNOFFICIAL OBEDIENCE CLASSES

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Prenovice	Dogs may compete in Pre-Novice until the third leg of the C-CD is earned. All Novice exercises on lead: Heel (including the figure 8), Stand for Examination, Recall, Sit-Stay and Down-Stay.
Versatility	This class is for dogs that are capable of performing the Open and Utility exercises.
Brace	Two Cavaliers to perform the Novice exercises in unison. The dogs need not be in the same ownership or the same color, but must be handled by only one handler. Dogs may be shown unattached or coupled, the coupling device to be not less than 6 inches overall length. Whichever method is used, it must be continued throughout all exercises. Either or both dogs in a brace may be entered in another class(es) at the same trial.
Veteran	Cavaliers 7 years and older to perform the Novice exercises.

RALLY

OFFICIAL RALLY CLASSES

(Qualifying scores earn legs toward rally titles.)

Rally Excellent B	Dogs holding the C-RA title. A dog completing the Rally Excellent (C-RE) title may continue to complete in this class indefinitely.
Rally Excellent A	Dogs holding the C-RA title, but not holding any Novice, Open or Utility obedience title or any Rally Excellent title in any registry. After a dog earns the Rally Excellent (C-RE) title, it may continue to compete in this class indefinitely.
Rally Advanced B	Dogs holding the C-RN title. A dog completing the Rally Advanced (C-RA) title may continue to compete in this class indefinitely.
Rally Advanced A	Dogs holding the C-RN title, but not holding any Novice, Open or Utility obedience title or any Rally Advanced
Rally Novice B	Any dog may compete in this class until a qualifying score in the Rally Advanced Class is earned.
Rally Novice A	Dogs not holding any Novice, Open or Utility obedience title or any Rally title in any registry, shown by a handler who has not completed any obedience title or any Rally title with a Cavalier or a dog of any other breed in any country in which the breed is recognized. After a dog earns the Rally Novice (C-RN) title, it may continue to compete in this class for 60 days.