

## How to Count Points at AKC Dog Shows

This document has been created for you by the American Kennel Club® to help you understand the point schedule and how Championship points are counted.

The American Kennel Club requires a dog to obtain a total of 15 points with two major wins (a major win is worth three points or higher) to become a champion. The majors must be won under different judges and at least one other judge must award some of the remaining points – so you need to win under at least three different judges.

You will see how to figure the points when your dog or bitch wins the Winners Class, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex or Best of Breed.

Winners Dog – WD; Winners Bitch – WB; Best of Breed – BOB  
Best of Opposite Sex – BOS; Best of Winners – BOW

## How to Figure Points for Winners Dog and Winners Bitch

In the show catalog you will see a schedule of points for your breed that will look similar to this:

POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
All Other Breeds & Varieties	2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5	6 6

Remember, point schedules vary by show location. If you are not at the show, make certain you get the points schedule for the event region where your dog won. Refer to the *Schedule of Points*.

To figure your points, count dogs competing in the regular classes of your dog's sex. Then compare that number to the point schedule in your catalog.

EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs



Total of class bitches



POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
All Other Breeds & Varieties	2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5	6 6

Winners Dog – WD (3 dogs = 2 pts); Winners Bitch – WB (4 bitches = 3 pts)

TIPS: When counting dogs in competition, you only count dogs present that are defeated. Dogs that are disqualified, dismissed, excused or have all awards withheld do not count. Also, any class dog that is moved up to Best of Breed is counted as Champion, not a class dog.

Check the posted copies of the judges' book before you leave the show to make certain your dog was marked as the winner. Mistakes do happen! Also, verify that your dog's AKC registration number is correct in the catalog. If it is not correct, let the superintendent know before you leave the show. In both cases, it's easier to make the correction on the day of the show rather than later.

## How To Figure Points If Your Class Dog or Bitch Goes Best of Breed

Count regular class dogs in your sex, plus all move ups and Champions of both sexes entered for Best of Breed competition. Absentees do not count.

EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs



Total of class bitches



Total of Champion dogs



Total of Champion bitches



POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
All Other Breeds & Varieties	2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5	6 6

WD goes BOB (3 class dogs + 3 champions = 6 dogs for 5 pts)

WB goes BOB (4 class bitches + 3 champions = 7 bitches for 5 pts)

TIPS: Veteran dogs or any other non-regular class dogs are not counted in determining points.

## How To Figure Points If Your Class Dog or Bitch Goes Best of Opposite Sex

Count class dogs in your sex plus all Champions and move ups, only of the same sex, that competed for Best of Breed.

EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs



Total of class bitches



Total of Champion dogs



Total of Champion bitches



POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
All Other Breeds & Varieties	2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5	6 6

WD goes BOS (3 class dogs + 2 champion dogs = 5 dogs for 4 pts)

WB goes BOS (4 class bitches + 1 champion bitches = 5 bitches for 4 pts)

## How To Figure Points for Best of Winners

Count points first for Winners Dog, then for Winners Bitch. Whichever is awarded Best of Winners will receive the highest number.

EXAMPLE:

Total of class dogs



Total of class bitches



Total of Champion dogs



Total of Champion bitches



POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
All Other Breeds & Varieties	2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5	6 6

WD goes BOW over the WB (2 pts in dogs and 3 pts in bitches = 3 pts for BOW)

WB goes BOW over the WD (2 pts in dogs and 3 pts in bitches = 3 pts for BOW)

TIPS: You only get the highest point count – you can not combine dogs and bitches points together.

Example: WD gets 2 pts and BOW is 3 pts. The award is 3 pts, not 5 pts.

It is important if a class dog or bitch is awarded BOS to figure those points before figuring BOW.

## Sample

Work through the following examples and see if your answers are correct. We have put together a sample judge's sheet to help you understand some of the possibilities.

### AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SHOW, USA

Catalog Number	Award	Catalog Number	Award	Catalog Number	Award	Catalog Number	Award
PUPPY DOGS		12-16 MOS. DOGS		OPEN DOGS			
6-9 MOS							
9	<u>1</u>	15	<u>AB</u>	5	<u>1</u>		
11	<u>AB</u>	17	<u>1</u>	7	<u>2</u>		
				19	<u>AB</u>		

WINNERS WITHHELD

RESERVE WITHHELD

PLEASE ENTER CATALOG NUMBER IF AWARDED

I certify that in my opinion the WINNER 5 & RESERVE 9 are deserving of championship points on this day.

Catalog Number	Award	Catalog Number	Award	Catalog Number	Award	Catalog Number	Award
PUPPY BITCHES		12-18 MOS. BITCHES		BRED-BY BITCHES		OPEN BITCHES	
6-9 MOS							
10	<u>1</u>	18	<u>No Award</u>	12	<u>Excused</u>	6	<u>1</u>
			<u>Lack of Merit</u>		<u>Lame</u>		<u>Disqualified</u>
9-12 MOS						8	<u>Measured</u>
							<u>Out</u>
14	<u>1</u>			20	<u>1</u>	16	<u>2</u>

WINNERS WITHHELD

RESERVE WITHHELD

PLEASE ENTER CATALOG NUMBER IF AWARDED

I certify that in my opinion the WINNER 20 & RESERVE 6 are deserving of championship points on this day.

### BEST OF BREED COMPETITION

19D	<u>21D</u>	22B	23D	<u>24B</u>	25D	26B
	Absent			Absent		

BEST OF BREED      BEST OF WINNERS      BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

POINTS	D <sup>1</sup> B	D <sup>2</sup> B	D <sup>3</sup> B	D <sup>4</sup> B	D <sup>5</sup> B
All Other Breeds & Varieties	2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5	6 6

WD (3 pts); WB (4 pts)

WD goes BOB (5 pts); WB goes BOB (5 pts)

WD goes BOS (5 pts); WB goes BOS (5 pts)

WD goes BOW over WB (4 pts); WB goes BOW over WD (4 pts)

WD goes BOW, WB goes BOS - Points for WD are (5 pts)

We hope the foregoing has helped you understand the point system, thus adding to your enjoyment of dog shows.

Now go to the *Schedule of Points* and work the above scenarios for your breed.

Should you have additional questions please refer to Chapter 16, Section 1, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*.