

MATURITY CHALLENGE CLASS

The addition of the Maturity Challenge as a regular event at our National was unanimously approved by the SCA Board of Directors at the 2010 National in Colorado Springs and will be introduced at the 2011 National Specialty Show.

The Maturity is designed to be educational and a complement to the Futurity. By bringing back the previous Futurity nominees and showcasing them as adults, breeders will have the opportunity to see not only how individual dogs have developed, but also how particular bloodlines grow and mature. The ages of the dogs will range from those that were Futurity eligible the immediately preceding National Specialty up to eight years of age. Maturity Dogs need not be entered in the regular classes. In addition, to fully evaluate bloodlines, we will also accept spayed and neutered dogs.

The Maturity is for adult dogs that came from nominated litters. They need not have been shown in the Futurity, but must have been part of a Futurity nominated litter. They may be shown in Maturities until 8 years of age. Owners of eligible dogs will have the right to enter those dogs.

SCA will offer cash prizes for class placements as with the Futurity. Entry fee for the Maturity each year will be the same amount as the entry fee for the Futurity. Please contact current Futurity Chair for eligibility. Entry form for Maturity will be in the Premium List for each National Specialty.

There will be one judge for Maturity who will select Best in Maturity and Best Opposite Sex to Best in Maturity. The person who judges Futurity may also judge Maturity.

Maturity Challenge Classes - open to all qualified dogs and bitches that were Futurity eligible the immediately preceding National Specialty to eight years old. Classes divided by sex

Maturity Class 1 - Open to dogs and bitches that were Futurity eligible the immediately preceding National Specialty and under four years old on the date of the event.

Maturity Class 2 - Open to dogs and bitches that are four years old and under six years old on the date of the event.

Maturity Class 3 - Open to dogs and bitches that are six years old and under eight years old on the date of the event.

The six class winners will compete for Best in Maturity and Best Opposite Sex to Best in Maturity.

Best in Maturity winners will not be eligible to compete in future Maturity events.