



## Hitchin and District Canine Society

The following lays out the rules for the society's Matches.

Firstly, the society is bound by the **Kennel Club Show Regulations F** and specifically, **Specific Show Regulations, Match Regulations F(2)**

*Additionally the society has the following criteria which the committee reserves the right to review and amend as necessary.*

1. Matches will take place on the third Tuesday of each month from January through to December
2. The society will hold a 'Dog of the Year' & 'Puppy of the Year' competition on the 3rd Tuesday of December`.
3. Any dog qualifying for Dog of the Year / Puppy of the Year cannot compete in any further Matches except in the Handling and the Unders & Overs classes.
4. The society will invite judges that have been nominated, and have been agreed by the committee.
5. Classes scheduled will be as follows:-
  - Puppy - For dogs of 4 and not exceeding 12 calendar months.
  - Special Yearling - For dogs of 6 and not exceeding 24 calendar months
  - Post graduate - For dogs which have not won 5 or more First Prizes at Championship and Open Shows in Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit and Open Classes, whether restricted or not.

- Open - For all dogs for eligible for entry at the Match.

In addition to the official 'Match' classes above the society will be holding the following:-

- Handling - A single class open to all ages. There will be 1 handling class and from that class the judge will select a 'Best Adult Handler' and a 'Best Junior Handler'
- Unders & Overs - Open to all dogs NOT eligible for other classes, (except Handling) and note that the winner will not be eligible to compete in Best in Match or Best Puppy in Match.  
I.E. Puppies under 4 months, previous Best in Match winners or previous Best Puppy winners (only whilst they are still under 12months), or dogs who have won a Challenge Certificate or equivalent award.

6. Cost of entry will be as follows:-

- a. Entry into Match classes will be £2.50 per class.
- b. Handling / Unders & Overs class will be £1.00.