



Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.

Futurity Stakes

Purpose, Rules & Regulations

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Purpose: The purpose of these SHCA National Specialty Futurity Stakes shall be to encourage and reward the breeding of the best possible Siberian Husky. Such recognition is important to the breed and these stakes will not only reward the efforts of the breeder but also the owners in whose hands lie the responsibility of developing the inherited potentialities. Recognition is also given to the Sire of the dogs for his contribution to the breeding.

Rules and Regulations of Futurity Stakes:

1. All Futurity Stakes shall be held in connection **only** with the National Specialty of the Siberian Husky Club of America. The Futurity Stakes will not be held at any other SHCA or non-SHCA sanctioned function. The Stakes classes are a non-regular class in conjunction with the SHCA National Specialty.
2. Eligibility of dog:
 - a. The breeder of the litter must nominate the litter at the time of breeding. Each individual puppy from the litter shall be eligible to compete in the Futurity Stakes held on or after the date they will reach six (6) months of age.
 - b. Each nomination must meet all time restrictions in order to be considered legitimate nominations. Only dogs that actually compete in the stakes for which they are eligible can win any stakes money and/or prizes.

How to Nominate a Dam:

1. Nomination forms will be provided by the Futurity Chairperson.
2. Forms shall be submitted to the Futurity Chairperson by the breeder or co-breeder of the litter; and this person(s) must be a member in good standing of the Siberian Husky Club of America for at least six months prior to the date of nomination. The nominator must also be a member of the Siberian Husky Club of America at the time of the Futurity Stakes judging.
3. At the time of breeding and before whelping the dam is nominated by sending a completed dam nomination form to the stakes committee bearing a postmark date prior to date of whelp.
4. Fee for nominating a dam shall be \$15 for SHCA Members and \$25 for non-members, and may be revised. There shall be no refunds given for ANY reason.
5. Upon receipt of the dam Nomination Form, the Stakes Committee shall send to the breeder, preferably by electronic mail, the following: Dam Control Number (to be used on Litter/Puppy Nomination Forms), and a Litter Nomination Form.

How to Nominate a Litter:

1. Forms shall be submitted to the Futurity Chairperson by the breeder or co-breeder of the litter, and said person must be a member in good standing of the Siberian Husky Club of America for at least six months prior to the date of nomination. The nominator must be a member of the Siberian Husky Club of America at the time of Futurity judging.
2. Completed Litter Nomination Form and check or money order made payable to the Siberian Husky Club of America (SHCA) must be received by the Futurity Chairperson bearing a postmark date of no later than eight (8) weeks after whelping date of the litter being nominated.
3. Fee for nominating a litter shall be \$30.00, and may be revised. There shall be no refunds given for ANY reason.
4. All puppies in a nominated litter shall be eligible for Futurity competition, but individual puppies must be nominated before the age of 4 months by the actual owner.
5. Upon receipt of a Litter Nomination Form, the Futurity Chairperson shall send the breeder preferably by electronic mail, an acknowledgment of receipt and copy(s) of the Puppy Nomination Form.

Individual Puppy Nomination Form:

1. The owner of an individual puppy must nominate that puppy before the age of four (4) months and will need to complete a Puppy Nomination Form supplied by the breeder. ***The owner does not have to be a member of the SHCA.***
2. Puppy Nomination Forms shall be returned to the Futurity Chairperson and must be postmarked, on or before eight (8) weeks prior to the date of the Futurity Stakes competition at which it will first be eligible.
3. Puppy Nomination Fee shall be ten (\$10.00) dollars and may be revised.
4. The individual puppy **MUST BE** entered in one of the regular classes at the SHCA National Specialty.

How to Enter a Dog for Futurity Stakes Judging:

1. The puppy dog or bitch must be entered in a regular class at the SHCA National Specialty and/or Obedience Trail, for which it is also eligible for Futurity Stakes competition. The entry fee for said regular class must be paid and accepted as a valid entry fee by the superintendent/show secretary responsible for taking said entries.
2. The Futurity Stakes entry shall be listed on the official AKC entry form for this Specialty and Obedience Trail as an Additional Class. Fee for this class shall be determined by the show committee but shall not exceed \$20.00. This fee is for the purpose of paying AKC and

superintendent fees, with remainder going to SHCA. The Additional Class must include the appropriate age division as described in #3 below.

3. Futurity Stakes competition shall be divided into four (4) age divisions as follows: 6-9, 9-12, 12-15, and 15 months and over. Each age division is further divided by sex. The reason for classification for 15 months and over is due to a puppy that will only be five months of age at the next Specialty, would conceivably be up to 19 months of age due to the "floating schedule" for National Specialties.

Procedures for Judging the Futurity Stakes:

1. The Judge shall judge the Male entry for the 6-9 division first, then the Female entry for the same, and shall continue in this manner until all age divisions have been judged, making four placements for each sex, if possible.
2. After completion of all age divisions for both sexes, the first place winners of both sexes for the 6-9 and 9-12 month age divisions shall enter the ring and compete for Best Futurity Junior Puppy. The same procedure shall be used to judge the 12-15 and 15 month-and-over class first place winners with the judge selecting the Best Futurity Senior Puppy.
3. The Best Futurity Junior Puppy and Best Futurity Senior Puppy shall then compete for the Grand Futurity winner.

How the Futurity Stakes Monies are Distributed:

1. Two stakes will be created for the Futurity – one exclusively for the junior puppy competition and one solely for senior puppy dogs. Nomination fees received from the breeders and owners of bitches and puppies eligible for competition in the puppy classes, will become part and parcel of a Stake to be used for the puppy classes only; and similarly like fees, received from breeders and owners of puppies subsequently eligible in the senior puppy classes, will become part and parcel of a Stake to be used for the senior puppy.
2. The Cash Stakes for the Puppy Competition will be divided as cash awards as herein below set forth:

CASH PRIZES FOR EACH CLASS

First Prize:	\$15.00
Second Prize:	\$12.00
Third Prize:	\$ 9.00
Fourth Prize:	\$ 6.00

CASH PRIZES FOR BEST JUNIOR PUPPY/RESERVE PUPPY

Breeder of the Futurity Winner Junior	50%
Owner of the Futurity Winner Junior	30%
Sire of the Futurity Winner Junior	20%

1. Said percentage will be calculated on the total monies received from all nomination fees for the Junior Dog Competition after first deducting 20% for expenses and 10% for award to the Grand Futurity Dog.
2. Senior Puppy Cash Stakes will be as above, with percentage calculated on the total monies received for the Senior Puppy Classes.
3. The Best Futurity Junior Puppy and the Best Futurity Senior Puppy will compete for Grand Futurity Winner. The cash awards for this competition will be divided as follows:

CASH PRIZES FOR GRAND FUTURITY WINNER

Breeder of the Grand Futurity Winner	50%
Owner of the Grand Futurity Winner	30%
Sire of the Grand Futurity Winner	20%

How Trophies and Ribbons will be Offered:

The SHCA shall offer a rosette as well as flat ribbons for each age division and for the Best Futurity Junior Puppy, Best Futurity Senior Puppy, and Grand Futurity Winner. Other rosettes and/or trophies may be offered at the discretion of the National Specialty Show Chairperson and the Futurity Chairperson.

Miscellaneous Information Regarding the Futurity Stakes:

1. The Futurity Stakes carry no AKC Championship Points.
2. It is highly recommended that anyone who has entered a puppy in a Stakes competition have available at the time of judging, copies of all correspondence, such as nomination form receipts, and/or correspondence to the Committee for any changes made to the information listed on the said form.