

continued from page 13 Specials will enter the ring, followed by the Winners Dog, followed by the Winners Bitch.

The judge will determine – in his opinion – the best dog presented to him/her in that breed on that day. If that dog is a male, he will choose his Best of Opposite Sex (a female) and he will determine, between his Winners Dog and Winners Bitch, which is the better of the two and award that dog Best of Winners. The dog awarded Best of Winners will garner more points; he/she is deemed to have defeated *all* the class dogs and bitches shown.

Points are awarded on the basis of the number of dogs shown.

# of dogs	1	2	3-5	6-9	10-12	13+
POINTS	0	1	2	3	4	5

If one of these winning dogs is not a puppy (under 12 months), all first-place puppies will enter the ring and the judge will then choose BEST PUPPY IN BREED. That puppy will compete with all the other puppies in your group, for BEST PUPPY IN GROUP.

If your dog is awarded BEST OF BREED, you will compete at the group level. (CKC breeds are categorized by 'group'; Best of Breed qualifies the dog to represent the breed in its group.) If the dog has not garnered five points at the breed level, he can be awarded additional points with a group win. However, a dog may only be awarded up to five points at a single show. At group level, additional points are allocated thus:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
13+ breeds	5	4	3	2
10-12 breeds	4	3	2	1
Six-nine breeds	3	2	1	1
Less than six	2	1	1	1

At the group level, placements are first to fourth, with the first-place dog/bitch going on to compete for Best in Show. In Puppy Group, there is only one placement. There are no additional points for a puppy group win, but the puppy goes on to compete with all the other puppies from the other groups for BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.

At time of writing, your dog has to earn 10 points under at least three different judges for a Canadian championship. Don't worry if you don't understand this yet. When your dog starts getting points toward his championship, you'll get it very quickly. ■