

Futurity

The purpose of the Futurity Stakes is to encourage the breeding of the best possible Samoyed and to reward the breeders for their efforts. For this reason, the stakes are weighted in favor of the breeder. The Futurity Stake, which may be held in conjunction with the National specialty, is entered by nominating a litter. Individual puppies from a nominated litter are eligible to compete in the first annual Futurity held on or after the date the puppies reach six months of age, and only in this stake. In the Futurity Stake, there will be eleven cash wins, with three individuals (the breeder, the owner and the sire's owner) partaking of each for a total of thirty-three monetary awards won by eight different Samoyeds.

Eligibility

Nominations to the Futurity are open only to breeders who are active members, in good standing, of the Samoyed Club of America. The bitch whose litter is nominated must be owned, co-owned or leased by a Samoyed Club of America member. This requirement does not apply to the owner(s) of any eligible puppy, or the owner(s) of the sire. To be eligible to compete in the Futurity, a Samoyed must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Be from a litter, which was properly and timely nominated.
- 2) Have been individually nominated before it reached the age of four months.
- 3) Be properly entered in one of the regular classes of the National Specialty and Obedience Trial.
- 4) Not be bred or ever owned, or co-owned, or leased by that year's judge, or a member of his or her immediate family.
- 5) Not sired by or out of a Samoyed bred by or ever owned, co-owned or leased by that year's judge or member or his or her immediate family.
- 6) The sire and dam must both have OFA numbers or foreign equivalent showing clear hips after the age of two years with an exam date prior to breeding. The sire and dam must both have current CERF numbers or foreign equivalent or a current normal eye exam by a Board Certified Ophthalmologist prior to breeding. Any dog or bitch that is eight years of age or older with a CERF at that time will be considered a permanent CERF.
- 7) Frozen semen & fresh chilled semen on living dogs: the rules are the same as for a natural breeding.
- 8) Frozen semen on deceased dogs before and inclusive of September 29th, 2008 is allowed with or without clearances. After September 29th, 2008 frozen semen from deceased dogs must show OFA number or foreign equivalent showing clear hips after the age of 2 years before semen is used and current CERF number or current normal eye exam within 12 months of time of collection (or a permanent CERF number).

Bitch Nomination Procedure

A puppy is eligible for the Futurity by first being from a nominated litter and secondly, by being individually nominated before attaining four months of age.

The nomination of the bitch's litter must be made after the date she is bred, and before the whelping date. The postmark on the envelope or the email containing the nomination must be dated no later than the day prior to the date of whelping of the litter.

The Futurity bitch nomination must be made on an official Futurity entry form; and with a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) mailed to the Futurity Secretary, or paid through Paypal via the SCA website. No bitch nomination will be accepted unless:

- 1) OFA number can be verified via the OFA website or for foreign equivalents accompanied by a photocopy of the foreign certificate. Either must show clear hips for both sire and dam at 24 months of age or greater with an exam date prior to breeding.
- 2) CERF number can be verified via the CERF website or if no current CERF number accompanied by a photocopy of a clear eye exam from a board certified ophthalmologist or foreign equivalent with an eye exam date

less than one year prior to breeding. Any dog or bitch that is eight years of age or older with a CERF at that age will be considered a permanent CERF.

Individual Puppy Nomination Procedure

To be eligible for nomination, an individual puppy must be from a nominated litter. A puppy from a properly nominated litter is eligible for individual nomination regardless of ownership when entered or shown. The nomination of an individual puppy must be made after it is whelped, but before attaining four months of age. The postmark on the envelope containing the nomination must be dated no later than the day prior to the day the puppy attains four months of age. The Futurity Individual Puppy Nomination must be made on an official Futurity entry and, with a fee of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) mailed to the Futurity Secretary. (If a check, funds must clear the bank for eligibility.)

Nomination Entry Form

Bitch and puppy nomination forms are available at the SCA website, a copy can be made from the At Your Service (AYS) or can be requested from the Futurity Chairperson by email or postal service.

The Bitch Nomination form will require the following information: dam's name and AKC registration number, dam's OFA number and CERF number or foreign equivalent, dam's owner's name and address; sire's name and AKC registration number, sire's OFA number and CERF number or foreign equivalent, sire's owner's name and address; date of breeding, and the estimated date of whelping. If the litter registration number has not been received by the breeder at the time the individual puppy nominations are made, this information must be forwarded to the Futurity Secretary immediately upon receipt.

If the Individual Puppy Nomination is made before the AKC name and registration number are available, or if ownership changes after the individual puppy nomination is made, the Futurity Secretary must be provided with the correct information regarding the name of the puppy, AKC registration number, whelping date, sex, and the new owner's name and address. If this information has not been received by the Futurity Secretary sixty days prior to the first day of the National Specialty Futurity judging, the Samoyed in question will be disqualified.

Procedure for Entering the Futurity

The nominated Samoyed must be entered in one of the regular classes at the National Specialty, in either conformation or obedience; in addition to be entered in a Futurity class. The Futurity entry should be written on an official AKC entry form as an additional class. The classes will be divided by sex and age: 6-9 months, 9-12 months, 12-15 months, and 15 months and older. The specialty group may charge an additional fee, that fee to be included in the Futurity Stake.

Annual Futurity Prizes

The total monies collected for the annual Futurity will be comprised of a grand total, an expense amount, and a stake amount. The grand total will be composed of all prior year carryover amounts, interest earned, all current year nomination fees, and all current year entry fees.

The expense amount will be calculated as 35% of the grand total and will be set aside for current year expenses. Any amount remaining in the expense fund after payment of all current year expenses will be added to the following year's grand total as a carryover amount. The remaining 65% of the grand total will be the Stake amount and will be distributed as follows:

- To the Grand Prize Futurity Winner,
20% of the Stake divided as 50% to the Breeder, 35% to the Owner and 15% to the Owner of the sire.
- To the Best Futurity Puppy (6-12 month), 10% of the Stake divided as 50% to the Breeder, 35% to the Owner and 15% to the Owner of the sire.
- To the Best Futurity Junior (12 months and older), 10% of the Stake divided as: 50% to the Breeder, 35% to the Owner and 15% to the Owner of the sire.
- To the Intersex Winner of each of the four age divisions, 10% of the Stake divided as 50% to the Breeder, 35% to the Owner and 15% to the Owner of the sire.
- To the Reserve Intersex Winner of each of the four age divisions, 5% of the Stake divided as 50% to the Breeder, 35% to the Owner and 15% to the Owner of the sire.

Prizes will be determined by the Futurity Secretary and will be distributed by the Samoyed Club of America Treasurer. Rosettes will be offered for the Winner and Reserve Winner in each age division, for the Best Futurity Puppy, Best Futurity Junior and the Grand Prize Futurity Winner.

Judging Procedure

Each age division will be divided by sex. The judge will judge first males, then females, of each age division, in order, and will make four placements for each sex. The judge will then select an Intersex Winner, from the two first place puppies. The second place puppy to the Intersex Winner will be brought back into the ring for the Reserve Intersex judging. When the first two age divisions have been judged, the Intersex Winner of the 6-9 months division will compete against the Intersex Winner of the 9-12 months division for the title of BEST FUTURITY PUPPY.

After the third and fourth age divisions have been judged, the Intersex Winner of the 12-15 months division and the Intersex Winner of the 15 months and older division, will compete for the title of BEST FUTURITY JUNIOR.

Refunds

The Futurity nomination is final, and no refunds shall be made. Nomination fees are not transferable from one litter to another or from one Samoyed to another. (Special provisions are made for refunds regarding nominations that are owned, bred, bred, or sired, by a dog owned by the judge for that year).

Futurity Judge Selection and Eligibility

Futurity judges will be selected by a vote of Futurity participants. Nominees can be SCA members, professional handlers, licensed judges, or whatever is acceptable to the AKC.

Each litter nomination will entitle a breeder to place a name in nomination for Futurity Judge. The Futurity Secretary shall compile a list of the five eligible nominees receiving the most breeder nominations. Within two weeks of the close of nominations, this list shall be contacted to determine whether or not they would like to judge the following year's Futurity. If any of the top five individuals does not wish to judge the following year's Futurity they must decline in writing and then the individual(s) with the next most votes will be contacted. Once five individuals have accepted, ballots will be sent to each individual who has bred or co-bred a nominated litter. Only one ballot will be sent per individual (not one ballot per litter nominated). Votes shall be returned to the Futurity Chairperson to be counted by the Futurity Chairperson and Committee persons. In case of a tie another ballot with just the two tied individuals will be voted on by the membership that have bred or co-bred a nominated litter. The Futurity Chairperson will notify the prospective Futurity Judges nominees promptly after the election whether or not selected and elected judge will be sworn to secrecy.

The Futurity committee shall consist of the Futurity Secretary and two committee members. The two-committee members shall assist the Futurity Secretary with vote counting; and, at the Secretary's request, with mailing or as otherwise needed.

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