



## The 2017 Roger McKay Breeder Futurity Program Rules and Regulations

**FOR LITTERS WHELPED OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016  
PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR INDIVIDUAL DOGS  
(After submission of \$25.00 litter nomination fee)**

<b>Payments</b>	<b>DOB 10/1/15 - 12/31/15</b>	<b>DOB 1/1/16- 3/31/16</b>	<b>DOB 4/1/16 - 6/30/16</b>	<b>DOB 7/1/16 – 9/30/16</b>
<b>1st due \$50</b>	<b>10 weeks of age</b>	<b>10 weeks of age</b>	<b>10 weeks of age</b>	<b>10 weeks of age</b>
<b>2nd due \$30</b>	<b>15 days after 1st payment</b>	<b>15 days after 1st payment</b>	<b>15 days after 1st payment</b>	<b>15 days after 1st payment</b>
<b>3rd due \$20</b>	<b>8/1/16</b>	<b>10/1/16</b>	<b>12/1/16</b>	<b>1/1/17</b>

**Litter and Individual Nomination Forms are available online at  
[www.australianshepherds.org](http://www.australianshepherds.org), or from the Futurity Chair.**

***PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS.*** ANY INFORMATION OR PAYMENTS REQUESTED BY THE FUTURITY CHAIR AND NOT RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE OR ANY VIOLATION OF RULES WILL RESULT IN ELIMINATION FROM THE FUTURITY WITH NO REFUND.

- All litter nominations must be made by no later than 4 weeks (28 days) after whelping with a \$25.00 fee per litter to be paid at that time. Notification of receipt of the Litter Nomination Form and payment will be mailed/emailed to the litter owner.
- Following the litter nomination, an Individual Nomination Form must be submitted for each individual dog/bitch. Entry fee is \$100.00 for each individual nomination made in declining payments (see above schedule).
- Make copies of the first Individual Nomination Form and include a copy with each payment. Any incomplete Form will be returned along with the payment. Notification of receipt of each payment will be mailed/emailed to the litter owner.
- Payments must be postmarked no later than the due date. Payments for litter nominations and individual nominations will be accepted with a grace period up to, but no more than, ten days past the due date. However, each such late payment will be assessed a penalty of \$25.00. If a payment is not made on time, or within the grace period, or fails to include a penalty payment (if

applicable) then the dog/bitch will be eliminated from the Futurity with no refunds. Payments, including full payments, may be made ahead of schedule. Please do not pay with cash. Make checks, money orders, or cashier checks payable to USASA.

- A copy of AKC registration papers is required and must be submitted before or with the last (3<sup>rd</sup>) Individual Nomination Form and payment. If the ownership changes after the close of the Futurity, a copy of the transferred AKC registration papers must be received by the Futurity Chair by the closing date of regular entries for the corresponding National Specialty Show.
- To be eligible to compete in the Futurity, a dog/bitch must also be entered in a Regular Class. If, in the unlikely case a USASA Nationals is scheduled before April 1<sup>st</sup> in a given year, the Futurity Chair will immediately notify owners of dogs/bitches that will be under 6 months of age of alternative requirements.
- IF "CONFLICT OF INTEREST" ARISES (I.E. CO-OWNERSHIP OR CO-BREEDER WITH THE FUTURITY JUDGE) AN EXPLANATION MUST BE PROVIDED IN WRITING TO THE FUTURITY CHAIR BY CLOSE OF NATIONAL SPECIALTY REGULAR ENTRIES. IF APPROVED, ENTRY FEES MAY BE REFUNDED FOR INDIVIDUAL DOG ONLY BUT NOT LITTER NOMINATION FEE. REFUNDS ONLY. NO SUBSTITUTIONS/CHANGES. NO DOG/BITCH MAY BE DROPPED OR EXCHANGED FOR ANOTHER ENTRY.
- The Futurity will be held in conjunction with each National Specialty, before the start of Regular Classes.
- The Futurity Judge will be selected from the Breeder Judge membership election list (Category I.) The Futurity Judge must be an Australian Shepherd breeder of record. AKC licensed judges who do not meet the following criteria are not eligible to judge the Futurity:

Minimum age: 26

10 years documented breed involvement

Breeder of (minimum) 3 AKC registered litters

Breeder of (minimum) 5 AKC Champions

- The elected judge will sign a contract attesting to the above criteria and if necessary provide documentation of breed involvement before being announced in the USASA Newsletter and posted on the USASA website ([www.australianshepherds.org](http://www.australianshepherds.org)) after the close of the Futurity.
- Only the breeder(s)/owner(s)/co-owner(s) who appear on the AKC registration papers submitted to the Futurity Chair may show the dog/bitch in the Futurity classes. NO PROFESSIONAL HANDLERS (persons who receive a fee or payment for showing dogs) may show in the Futurity unless they are the breeder(s)/owner(s)/co-owner(s) of the dog/bitch.
- A breeder/owner/co-owner who has more than one dog/bitch selected for the final competition may use another person(s) to handle the additional dogs/bitches involved. A true conflict must exist and the breeder/owner/co-owner must handle one dog/bitch in the final competition. In no case may PROFESSIONAL HANDLERS show a dog/bitch in the final competition unless they are the breeder(s)/owner(s)/co-owner(s) of the dog/bitch.
- All exhibitors and entered dogs/bitches should be at ringside 15 minutes before the official start time of judging stated in the Judging Program but no later than 15 minutes before an entered class. The Futurity Chair and/or members of the show committee may request exhibitors/handlers to identify themselves before entering the ring. Therefore, all exhibitors/handlers MUST bring to ringside a valid driver's license with photo or other valid photo ID to avoid check-in delays.
- Dogs/Bitches will be divided by sex and in age groups of 3 months. There will be no placements in classes, only selections (Selects) that will advance to the final judging. One in three dogs

shown in a class will become Selects, according to the following examples: 1 to 5 dogs/bitches in class – 1 Select; 6 to 8 dogs/bitches in class – 2 Selects; 9 to 11 dogs/bitches in class – 3 Selects, etc. From the Selects there will be chosen one BEST IN FUTURITY and one BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN FUTURITY. There will also be Selects of Merit (SOM) chosen, at a ratio of 1 SOM for every 10 entered, rounding up. For example, if there are 44 total entries, there will be 4 SOM's; if there are 45 total entries, there will be 5 SOM's. SOM's can be all of one sex, or any combination of both.

- Payments will be divided as follows: 15% towards Futurity expenses. 30% split 60/40 between BIF/BOSIF, 20% divided evenly among the SOM's, 35% divided evenly among the Selects in the classes.
- Awards: all money will be awarded at the time of judging to the handler in the ring and none will be mailed. BIF, BOSIF, and SOM will receive rosettes in addition to money.
- The Futurity Chair and immediate family members may not exhibit in the Futurity. The Futurity Chair MAY BE listed as the breeder on a Nominated Litter.
- Any protest regarding Futurity eligibility must be filed with the Futurity Chair within 30 minutes after Best in Futurity judging and accompanied by a \$100 filing fee. If the protest is ruled legitimate the \$100 fee will be returned to the individual filing the protest. If not, the \$100 fee will be forfeited and will be added to the Futurity purse for the following year.



## 2017 Futurity Litter Nomination Form

Please Print All Information On This Form

Date Whelped: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

#Dogs - Identify number of each color: \_\_\_\_\_ Blue Merle \_\_\_\_\_ Black \_\_\_\_\_ Red Merle \_\_\_\_\_ Red

#Bitches - Identify number of each color: \_\_\_\_\_ Blue Merle \_\_\_\_\_ Black \_\_\_\_\_ Red Merle \_\_\_\_\_ Red

Dam's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC# \_\_\_\_\_

Sire's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC# \_\_\_\_\_

Litter Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I nominate the above litter for The 2017 Roger McKay Breeder Futurity. I hereby certify that the above information is correct, the litter is eligible for the Futurity, and I have read and agree to abide by the Futurity rules and regulations. Litter entry fee of \$25.00 is enclosed with this form.

### MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO USASA

Please check whether email confirmation of entry is acceptable? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: The Roger McKay Breeder Futurity  
c/o Futurity Chair, Heather Herron, 5884 Wisner Hwy, Adrian, MI 49221  
Email: northbayaussies@frontier.net  
Phone: (517) 416-0709

#### For Office Use

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:



## 2017 Futurity Individual Dog/Bitch Nomination Form

**Please Enclose A Copy With All Payments**

**Please Print All Information On This Form**

Check one: 1st ( \$50.00) \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd ( \$30.00) \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd ( \$20.00) x \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC# \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Sire's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose correct payment and copy of individual registration papers by the 3<sup>rd</sup> payment.

### **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO USASA**

I am entering the above dog/bitch for The 2017 Roger McKay Breeder Futurity. I hereby certify that the above information is correct, the above dog/bitch is eligible for the Futurity, and I have read and agree to abide by the Futurity rules and regulations.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check whether email confirmation of entry is acceptable? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Please copy this form for extra forms to send with your future payments.***