The 2022 Roger McKay Breeder Futurity

Program Rules and Regulations

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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 no later than 3 months after whelping, with the appropriate fee (see above table) according to the Litter age paid at the time of nomination. Notification of receipt of the Litter Nomination Form and payment will be mailed/e-mailed 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 up to 4 months of age. Individual Nomination Forms received within 30-days past the 4 month age will be assessed a $100 Late Fee. Individual Nomination Forms received after 30-days past the 4 month age will not be accepted.

- 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/e-mailed to the Litter Owner.

- Payments must be postmarked no later than the Due Date. Any Payments received not in accordance with the above schedules will be returned.

- Make checks, money orders, or cashier checks payable to USASA. Please do not pay with cash.
• A copy of the AKC Registration papers is required and must be submitted before or with the 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 1st 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 the 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 1). 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:
  o Minimum age: 26
  o 10 years documented breed involvement
  o Breeder of (minimum) 3 AKC registered Litters
  o 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) 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.

• 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 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 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 (BIF) and one Best Opposite Sex in Futurity (BOSIF). 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. Litters bred or co-bred, and Individuals owned or co-owned by the Futurity Chair are ineligible for nomination.

• 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.
2022 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:_________________________________________________________________

Dam’s AKC #:________________________________________________________________________

Sire’s Registered Name:______________________________________________________________

Sire’s AKC #:________________________________________________________________________

Litter Owner:_________________________________________________________________________

Address:____________________________________________________________________________

City:________________________________________ State:_____________  Zip:___________________

Phone:_______________________________  E-mail:__________________________________________

Co-Owner(s):________________________________________________________________________

I nominate the above Litter for the 2022 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 & Regulations. Litter entry fee, made payable to USASA, as noted below is enclosed with this form.

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Please check whether e-mail confirmation of entry is acceptable:  Yes_____  No_______

Signature:____________________________________________________________ Date:______________

MAIL TO:  USASA c/o Futurity Chair Heather Herron - 5884 Wisner Hwy., Adrian, MI 49221.
E-mail:  usasafuturity@gmail.com       Phone:  (517) 416-0709

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:  Date received:________________________________ Amount:____________

Check #______________  Confirmation sent:______________  Initials:______________
2022 Futurity Individual Dog/Bitch Nomination Form

Please Enclose A Copy With All Payments
Please Print All Information On This Form

Date of Birth: Month__________ Day_________ Year_________

Registered Name:_____________________________________________________________________

AKC #:_______________________________________ Sex:________  Color:______________________

Breeder(s):___________________________________________________________________________

Dam’s Registered Name:_________________________________________________________________

Sire’s Registered Name:_________________________________________________________________

Owner(s):____________________________________________________________________________

Address:______________________________________________________________________________

City:________________________________________ State:_____________  Zip:___________________

Phone:_______________________________  E-mail:__________________________________________

Co-Owner(s):__________________________________________________________________________

I am entering the above dog/bitch for the 2022 Roger McKay Breeder Futurity. I hereby certify that the above information is correct, the dog/bitch is eligible for the Futurity, and I have read and agree to abide by the Futurity Rules & Regulations.

Enclose payment (payable to USASA) in accordance with the following schedule:

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