

FUTURITY NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS & RULES

- The Futurity is sponsored by the American Whippet Club and is exclusively for the competition of puppies and juniors between 6 months and 18 months of age.
- The Futurity is open to all breeders of AKC registered whippets in good standing with the American Kennel Club and the American Whippet Club.
- Puppies eligible for the 2010 Futurity must be out of Futurity nominated bitches and whelped on or before October 20, 2009.
- The bitch must be nominated prior to whelping. The official Bitch Nomination Form, along with the fee of \$20 and copies of current CERF certificates for both the sire and dam, must be sent to the Futurity Chairman and postmarked prior to the whelping date.
- CERF exams for both the sire and dam must have been completed before the breeding date. (This is effective starting with the 2012 Futurity). Copies of CERF Certificates or a copy of the application for a CERF Certificate (the actual exam paperwork marked normal in both eyes) must be submitted for both the sire and dam with the Bitch Nomination Form. CERF examinations are valid for one year.
- If the sire or dam of the litter being nominated is 10 years of age or older, a current CERF exam is not required for that dog. HOWEVER, the dog must have had and passed at least one CERF exam between the ages of 8 and 10 years. A copy of the last CERF Certificate must be submitted with the Bitch Nomination Form.
- Late bitch nominations are accepted if they are postmarked prior to the litter turning 6 weeks old. The fee for a late nomination is \$75. Breeders of late nominated bitches waive their right to nominate and vote for the Futurity Judge.
- The official Litter Nomination Form, along with the fee of \$25 and a four-generation pedigree, must be postmarked prior to the litter turning 3 months old.
- To enter the Futurity, puppies must be entered in a Regular Conformation Class and the appropriate Futurity Class as an 'additional' class at the AWC National they were nominated and are eligible for.
- Puppies are only eligible to be shown in one Futurity; the first Futurity that they are at least 6 months of age.
- Futurity Classes will be divided according to age and sex as follows:
 - Dogs 6-8 months Bitches 6-8 months
 - Dogs 8-10 months Bitches 8-10 months

- Dogs 10-12 Months Bitches 10-12 Months
- Dogs 12-14 Months Bitches 12-14 Months
- Dogs 14-18 Months Bitches 14-18 Months

The winner of each class will compete for Best In Futurity.

- In the event that the date of the AWC National is later in April than the previous year, the age limit shall be increased and the nominees affected shall be eligible for competition in the 14-18 Month classes.
- The Futurity Judge is chosen by a two-step process by breeders of nominated bitches who are members in good standing of the American Whippet Club.

Step 1: Ballots are sent to the First AWC Member listed as breeder on the Bitch Nomination Form. For each nominated bitch, the breeder/or breeders may submit one slate of two names. One ballot will be accepted for each bitch nominated. Once those breeders have voted (nominated), they may not vote (nominate) again during the current year. It is up to the breeder(s) to decide which litter they wish to be considered eligible on if they are listed as a breeder or co-breeder on other litters. All eligible breeders must nominate two (2) different names of any person with the qualification of "hands on experience" with the Whippet breed. These people must be in good standing with the AKC.

Step 2: Ballots are again sent to the First AWC Member listed as breeder on the Bitch Nomination Form. The breeder/or breeders will select two (2) names from the final list of a minimum of six (6) names. The nominees will be queried as to their willingness to judge the event by the sequence established in the balloting process. The alternate Judge will be selected by the second greatest number of votes. The nominee who accepts this nomination will be assigned as an alternate.

- "Late" bitch nominations forfeit their right to ballot for the Futurity Judge.
- Prize Money – 35% of entry & nomination fees will be retained by the Futurity for expenses. 35% of the remainder will be given to the Best In Futurity winner. The remainder will be divided as follows: 40% for First Place, 30% for Second Place, 20% for Third Place and 10% for Fourth Place. Prize money shall be awarded to the breeder/breeders only. If an owner or exhibitor of the winning dog is not the breeder, and the breeder is not present, a check will be mailed directly to the breeder. It is between the breeders, exhibitors and owners to decide possession of any awards or cash prizes presented for any wins.
- Entry fees will be retained in the event a nominated bitch or puppy is found to be ineligible under any of the above conditions.