

ANNOUNCING . . .

The 37th Annual Purina Award to Honor the Outstanding UKC Nite Hunt Coonhound of the Year

Nestle Purina PetCare, in conjunction with the United Kennel Club, established the Purina Award for the Outstanding UKC Nite Hunt Coonhound of the Year.

Purina recognizes the immense interest in the sport of Coonhound Nite Hunt competition and the tremendous amount of time spent by competitors in working with and training their dogs. The Purina Outstanding UKC Nite Hunt Award was established to honor the country's outstanding coonhound and give recognition to the owner and handler.

Purina provides awards and hosts the Award Ceremony for the Purina Outstanding Coonhound program. The program is administered, judged and scored by the Purina Award Committee which is made up of seven prominent and experienced individuals representing each of the seven UKC recognized coonhound breeds as follows:

American Black & Tan Coonhound
Tim Whitaker, Paragon, Indiana

American Leopard Hound
Curtis Elburn, Peru, Indiana

Bluetick Coonhound
David Gardin, Norwood, North Carolina

English Coonhound
Darrell Brown, Walnut Cove, North Carolina

Plott Hound
Wayne Allen, Cartersville, Georgia

Redbone Coonhound
Harry Oumedian, Howell, Michigan

Treeing Walker Coonhound
Gary Starns, Ada, Oklahoma

The Purina Outstanding Coonhound Award Committee has the final decision in all matters pertaining to the program's operation. The Committee reserves the right to, during the calendar year, make any changes deemed necessary to any part of Purina Series rules, schedule or otherwise. Any such changes are announced on the UKC website, www.ukcdogs.com. The Committee reserves the right to audit and approve the final tabulated scores, and releases the announcement of the winning coonhound. Whenever possible, Purina Outstanding Coonhound Award Committee members participate at the official presentation of awards.

The Purina outstanding UKC Nite Hunt Award is based on a dog's performance in carefully chosen United Kennel Club Licensed Nite Hunts.

A \$15,000 cash purse will be split among the registered owner(s) of the top five point-earning hounds and any breed winners (the hound earning the most Purina Points in its breed) not included in the top five points earners.

A dollar value for each point Purina Point earned will be calculated based on the combined year-end score for each placing hound. The monetary award paid will be based on the total points earned by each respective hound. The more points you earn, the more you will win.

ADDITIONALLY, a \$10,000 cash purse will be divided among those placing hounds owned by active Pro Club members.

Using the same procedure for establishing a point value, this bonus money will be divided among the owners who meet the following eligibility requirement: The owner on record as of January 1, 2017 (in case of dual ownership, the first owner whose name appears on the UKC registration certificate) must be an active Purina Pro Club member. An active Pro Club member is an owner who has submitted a minimum of 875 pounds of weight circles within the past 12 months. A dog transferring ownership after January 1, 2017 from an inactive Pro Club member to a new owner who is an active Pro Club member is not eligible.

THE PURINA OUTSTANDING UKC NITE HUNT COONHOUND AWARD WINNER will receive an original oil portrait of the winning hound. An official presentation of awards will be made to those winners in attendance at Purina National Championship.

Note: Recipients of awards are solely responsible for any and all federal, state and local taxes.

Nestle Purina PetCare is honored to have a part in this prestigious program and to lend its name to this award. Participation in the program and announcement of the winner should in no way be construed as an endorsement or testimonial for Purina Dog Foods. Purina simply makes it possible for outstanding coonhounds to receive recognition they so richly deserved. May the best dog win!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All dogs entering one of the Purina Awards Committee-selected UKC Licensed Nite Hunts must be registered with the United Kennel Club. The event will be run in accordance with UKC's rules and policies, the UKC Nite Hunt Honor Rules and Purina Contender Rules in effect for the year the selected event is being run.

All dogs drawn in any one, several or all of the events included in the Purina Award Program, as selected by the Purina Award Committee, shall be eligible for the points applicable to the Purina Award unless indicated otherwise.

THE PROGRAM

The 2017 Purina Outstanding UKC Nite Hunt Coonhound Award Program competition will begin January 1, 2017 and end December 31, 2017.

To qualify, a dog must hunt the full time specified and be a cast winner with a total score of plus points.

The program shall consist of carefully selected UKC Licensed events and will be advertised as "Purina Points Events". The events selected will provide a true test of a coonhound's ability to perform during a UKC Licensed Nite Hunt. Each event selected is recognized for its prestige and organization. As circumstances dictate, some events may be added while others are dropped.

For the 2017 award year, the Purina Committee has selected the following list of events as tentative, but are eligible for a Purina Points Event. Participants should refer to the UKC website at www.ukcdogs.com for any updates or changes to the Purina Points Event schedule. Refer to the Upcoming Events listing in COONHOUND BLOODLINES and on the UKC website for confirmation, dates, deadlines and fees.

Alabama State Championship
*Autumn Oaks
Arkansas State Championship
Badger State Championship
Canadian Autumn Open



Florida State Championship
 Georgia State Championship
 Illinois State Championship
 Indiana State Championship
 Kansas State Championship
 Kentucky State Championship
 Louisiana State Championship
 Michigan State Championship
 Minnesota State Championship
 Missouri State Championship (MO Federation of CH)
 Nebraska State Championship
 New York State Championship
 North Carolina State Championship
 Ohio State Championship
 Oklahoma State Championship
 Pennsylvania State Championship
 South Carolina State Championship (Lake Darpo CHA)
 Tennessee State Championship
 Texas State Championship
 UKC Winter Classic
 *UKC World Championship
 Virginia State Championship
 West Virginia State Championship

**Denotes Bonus Points Event*

While it is not necessary for the dog to compete in all of the above listed events, they are the only ones at which points may be earned toward the Purina Nite Hunt Award during the competition year.

SCORING

All cast winners with a total score of plus points receive 50 Purina points. In the event of a tie, cast-winning scorecards will be audited and the hound with the most total points will win out. If still a tie, revert to the UKC Nite Hunt Honor Rules for breaking ties.

PURINA SERIES CONTENDERS

Any dog with a total of 250 Purina Points will be considered a Purina Series Contender. Dog(s) having earned Contender status will be drawn out in a Purina Series Contender Cast with other Contenders. All Purina Cast Contenders will be drawn out together regardless of their designated category. All Purina Series Contender Casts must have one qualified non-hunting judge assigned to the cast(s).

Important Information Regarding the Draw of Contender Casts

All Contenders must advise event officials of their status at time of entry. Entry takers will have a form available for contenders to sign in as such when they enter their dog. All Purina Series Contenders, regardless of category (REG, NITECH, GRNITECH), entered in a Purina Points Event shall be drawn out together in a Purina Series Contender Cast. **NOTE:** In the event there are less than three Purina Series Contenders entered in the event, the Contender(s) entered will be drawn out within its respective category and shall have a non-hunting judge assigned to the cast. If there are two Purina Series Contenders of the same category entered in the event, those two contenders shall be drawn out together on the same cast and have two more non-contenders drawn to that cast. A non-hunting judge shall be assigned to any cast that includes a Purina Contender. Any deviation from these draw-out rules will result in no Purina points awarded to the cast winner.

In the event five Purina Contenders are entered in the same event, they will be drawn out in one (1) three-dog Purina Series Contender Cast and one (1) two-dog Purina Series Contender Cast. If any Contender is not available when casts are called, that dog will be scratched and remaining Contenders will be drawn to as few casts as possible per the Contender draw-out rules as noted above. Action will be taken against individuals involved in activities deemed unethical or detrimental towards the goal of fair play, to include, but not limited to entering and then withdrawing that dog prior to the hunt.

Championship Rules apply to all Purina Series Contender Casts. A cast winning score in a Purina Series Contender Cast will be considered for placement in the event within the winning dog's current category. **EXAMPLE:** A Registered dog winning a Purina Series Contender Cast is eligible for placing in the Registered portion of the event; a Nite Champion dog winning a Purina Series Contender Cast is eligible for placing in the Nite Champion portion of the event; and a Grand Nite Champion dog winning a Purina Series Contender Cast is eligible for placing in the Grand Nite Champion portion of the event.

Note: There will not be any Purina Series Contender Casts assembled at UKC Winter Classic, Autumn Oaks, or any part of the UKC World Championship. Any

Contenders entered will draw out within their category or as in accordance to the running rules specific to the event. They will not be required to have non-hunting judges assigned to their cast.

No person with any involvement with a Purina Series Contender (owner, handler, breeder, etc.) shall participate in the draw at any Purina Points Event. The Purina Committee has the right to review any and all complaints or UKC Appeals brought from or about any owner or handler of a Purina Contender and act accordingly. The Purina Committee has the authority to revoke Purina Points from any dog. The Purina Committee has the authority to indicate any dog, owner, or handler as ineligible to earn Purina Points.

Note: Purina Points may be withheld if it is determined that a cast win is the result of another hound withdrawing from the cast.

BONUS POINTS EVENT SCHEDULE

Autumn Oaks
Overall National Grand Nite Champion

BONUS POINTS

50

UKC World Championship Regional Qualifying Event

(see info below)

Dog must place in event to receive 50 Purina Points.

World Championship Zones

50 points are awarded for each cast win.

World Championship Finals

50 points may be earned by cast winners in Rounds 2, 3 and the Final Cast.

TABULATION

Tabulations will be made from UKC's official records of wins and published monthly in *COONHOUND BLOODLINES* magazine and posted on the UKC website. It will be kept current as reports of winners of each Purina Points Events are made a matter of record in the permanent files of the United Kennel Club Registration Office. Clubs hosting Purina Points Events must submit all scorecards along with the reports to UKC for filing.

At the close of each competition year, the Award Committee will audit the tabulated scores received from the United Kennel Club, Inc., and members of the Award Committee will issue a statement announcing the ultimate winner of the Purina UKC Outstanding Coonhound Award for the year.

COMPLAINTS

Participants and contenders are reminded to conduct themselves professionally at all Purina Point's events. The owner or handler of a Purina Contender shall play no role with non-hunting judge selections for a Purina Points event. The owner or handler of a Purina Contender shall have no part in taking or drawing entries to scorecards at a Purina Points event. The Purina Committee will review any allegations of unethical practices demonstrated by a participant. The committee has the authority to revoke Purina points from any dog. The committee has the authority to indicate any dog, owner, or handler as ineligible to earn points at any time and/or during any time.

PURINA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Any dog that wins its category at any Purina Points Event, excluding any part of the World Championship, is eligible and will be invited to participate in Purina's National Championship. The previous year's Purina Series breed winners are eligible for the National Championship. Additionally, the dogs in the Final Cast of the UKC World Championship Finals are eligible. For more information, watch for ads or announcements in *COONHOUND BLOODLINES* or on the UKC website, www.ukcdogs.com.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

A public announcement of the winner of the Purina Award will be made in the *COONHOUND BLOODLINES* magazine and on the UKC website, and will be considered official and final. Time and place of the Award Ceremony will be announced. For further information, write: Rod Carter, c/o Gail Inman 12T, 1 Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, MO 63164.

If the registered owner or co-owner of a UKC registered Coonhound is barred or suspended from UKC, he/she shall be ineligible to participate in the Purina Nite Hunt Award Program for the entire period of barment or suspension. All Purina Points earned by a dog owned or co-owned by a person who is barred or suspended during any calendar year shall be forfeited. In the event such a dog is sold to an owner or co-owners who are eligible to participate in this program, the dog will remain ineligible to earn Purina Points until January of the year following the suspension or barment of the previous owner(s).

ANNOUNCING ...

The 14th Annual Purina Award to Honor the Outstanding UKC Bench Show Coonhound of the Year

Nestle Purina PetCare, in conjunction with the United Kennel Club, established the Purina Award for the Outstanding UKC Bench Show Coonhound. Purina recognizes the immense interest in the sport of Coonhound Bench Show competition and the tremendous amount of time spent by competitors in conditioning and training their dogs. The Purina Outstanding UKC Bench Show Award was established to honor the country's Outstanding Bench Show Coonhound and give recognition to the owner and handler.

Purina provides awards and hosts the Award Ceremony for the Purina Outstanding UKC Bench Show Coonhound program. The program is administered by the Purina Award Committee, made up of seven prominent and experienced individuals representing each of the seven UKC recognized coonhound breeds as follows.

American Black & Tan Coonhound

Tim Whitaker, Paragon, Indiana

American Leopard Hound

Curtis Elburn, Peru, Indiana

Bluetick Coonhound

David Gardin, Norwood, North Carolina

English Coonhound

Darrell Brown, Walnut Cove, North Carolina

Plott Hound

Wayne Allen, Emerson, Georgia

Redbone Coonhound

Harry Oumedian, Howell, Michigan

Treeing Walker Coonhound

Gary Starns, Ada, Oklahoma

The Purina Outstanding Coonhound Award Committee has the final decision in all matters pertaining to the program's operation. The Committee reserves the right to, during the calendar year, make any changes deemed necessary to any part of the Purina Series rules, the schedule or otherwise. Any such changes are announced on the UKC website, www.ukcdogs.com. The Committee reserves the right to audit and approve the final tabulated scores, and releases the announcement of the winning coonhound. Whenever possible, Purina Outstanding Coonhound Award Committee members participate at the official presentation of awards.

The Purina Outstanding UKC Bench Show award is based on a dog's performance in carefully chosen United Kennel Club licensed bench shows.

A \$1,000 cash award and a one-year supply of Purina dog food will be presented to the overall winner, with an additional \$500 cash award and a six-month supply of Purina dog food given to the registered owner(s) of the other six breed winners (the hound earning the most points for its breed).

In addition, the overall winner will receive a \$1,000 cash bonus if the owner whose name appears on the dog's UKC registration papers, as of January 1, 2017, is an active Purina Pro Club member (in case of dual ownership, the first owner whose name appears on the UKC registration certificate). To meet the active member requirement, respective owners must have submitted a minimum of 875 pounds of weight circles within the past 12 months. A dog transferring ownership after January 1, 2017 from an inactive Pro Club member to a new owner who is an active Pro Club member is not eligible.

A \$500 cash bonus will be awarded to each breed winner if the owner on the dog's UKC registration papers, as of January 1, 2017, is an active Purina Pro Club member (in case of dual ownership, the first owner whose name appears on the UKC registration certificate). To meet the active member requirement, respective owners must have submitted a minimum of 875 pounds of weight circles within the past 12 months. A dog transferring ownership after January 1, 2017 from an inactive Pro Club member to a new owner who is an active Pro Club member is not eligible.

The Purina Outstanding UKC Bench Show Coonhound Overall Winner will also receive an original oil portrait of the winning hound. An official presentation of awards will be made to those winners in attendance at the Purina Series Awards Ceremony.

Note: Recipients of awards are solely responsible for any and all federal, state and local taxes.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All dogs entering one of the Purina Awards Committee-selected UKC Licensed Bench Shows must be registered with the United Kennel Club and compete in the proper category: Registered, Show Champion or Grand Show Champion. The event will be run in accordance with UKC rules and policies, the UKC Coonhound Bench Show Rules or the UKC World Show Championship Rules in effect for the year the selected event is being run.

All dogs shown in any one, several or all of the events included in the Purina Award Program, as selected by the Purina Award Committee, shall be eligible for the points applicable to the Purina Award.

THE PROGRAM

The 2017 Purina Outstanding UKC Bench Show Coonhound Award Program competition will begin January 1, 2017 and end December 31, 2017. To qualify, a dog must compete in their proper category at selected and advertised Purina Points Events. Each event selected is recognized for its prestige and organization.



For 2017, the Purina Committee has selected the following list of events as tentative and that are eligible for a Purina Points Event. Participants should refer to the UKC website, www.ukcdogs.com, for any updates or changes to the Purina Points Event schedule. Participants should refer to the Upcoming Events Listing in *COONHOUND BLOODLINES* and on the UKC website for confirmation, dates, deadlines and fees.

Alabama State Championship
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Arkansas State Championship
Badger State Championship
Canadian Autumn Open
Florida State Championship
Georgia State Championship
Illinois State Championship
Indiana State Championship
Kansas State Championship
Kentucky State Championship
Louisiana State Championship
Michigan State Championship
Minnesota State Championship
Missouri State Championship (MO Federation of CHA)
Nebraska State Championship
New York State Championship
North Carolina State Championship
Ohio State Championship
Pennsylvania State Championship
South Carolina State Championship (Lake Darpo CHA)
Tennessee State Championship
Texas State Championship
*UKC Winter Classic
*UKC World Championship
Virginia State Championship
West Virginia State Championship
**Denotes Bonus Points Event (Best of Breed class)*

While it is not necessary for the dog to compete in all of the above listed events, they are the only ones at which points may be earned toward the Purina Bench Show Award during the competition year. The more events a dogs enters, the better chance it has of earning more points.

SCORING

All overall category winners at listed Purina Points Events will receive ten (10) Purina Points for each win. For example, Best Male of Show, Best Female of Show, Champion Male, Champion Female, Grand Champion Male and Grand Champion Female winners will receive ten (10) Purina Points.

Bonus Points Events (Autumn Oaks and UKC Winter Classic). **In addition to the (10) points awarded to the category winners**, ten (10) Purina Points will be awarded to the breed winners of each sex at those Bonus Points Events as noted above. Refer to rules below for points and bonus points awarded at the UKC World Championship.

UKC World Championship. Ten (10) Purina Points will be awarded to category winners only at a Regional Qualifying Event. A dog will be awarded Purina Points one time only at a RQE Bench Show. Ten (10) Purina Points will be awarded to the Best Male of Breed and Best Female of Breed at the World Championship Bench Show. Additionally, ten (10) Purina Points will be awarded to the overall winner at the World Championship Bench Show.

TIES

In the event of a tie, the hound with the most category wins will be declared the winner. If still a tie, then the hound with the highest number of hounds defeated at events where points were earned will be declared the winner.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

A public announcement of the winner of the Purina Award will be made in *COONHOUND BLOODLINES* magazine, and on the UKC website, and will

be considered official and final. Time and place of the Award Ceremony will be announced. For further information, write to Rod Carter, c/o Gail Inman 8T, 1 Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, MO 63164.

BENCH SHOW JUDGES

Purina Points Event administrators and organizers shall be selective and only assign individuals who are UKC Licensed, capable, well qualified, and knowledgeable of all coonhound breed standards. The judge should be well versed on movement, and structure and anatomy. An individual may judge one Purina Points show only during the calendar year. They must decline any additional Purina Points Event judging propositions, with exception to a UKC administered Purina Points Event (Autumn Oaks, Winter Classic, World Championship and/or RQE).

COMPLAINTS

Purina Series contenders and participants are reminded to conduct themselves professionally and appropriately at all Purina Points Events. They shall play no role in selecting the judge(s) for an event in which they are also participating in.

The Purina Committee will review any written complaints of unethical practices or unsportsmanlike conduct allegedly demonstrated by any judge or participant. They have the authority to revoke Purina Points from a dog whose owner or handler is found involved in any action deemed detrimental to the series. Any dog, owner, or handler may be indicated as ineligible to earn Purina Points throughout any part or all of the calendar year, as determined by the Purina Committee.

PURINA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Any dog receiving a category win at any Purina Points Event is eligible and will be invited to participate in Purina's National Championship. Additionally, the previous year's UKC World Bench Show Champion and Opposite Sex winners are also eligible. Ads and or announcements in *COONHOUND BLOODLINES* or on the UKC website, www.ukcdogs.com, will provide further information.

If the registered owner or co-owner of a UKC registered Coonhound is barred or suspended from UKC, he/she shall be ineligible to participate in the Purina Bench Show Award Program for the entire period of barment or suspension. All Purina Points earned by a dog owned or co-owned by a person who is barred or suspended during any calendar year shall be forfeited. In the event such a dog is sold to an owner or co-owners who are eligible to participate in this program, the dog will remain ineligible to earn Purina Points until January of the year following the suspension or barment of the previous owner(s).