

PWDCA Futurity and Maturity Stakes Program

The PWDCA Futurity and Maturity Stakes Coordinator shall maintain all Futurity/Maturity records and oversee the management of the Futurity/Maturity at the PWDCA National Specialty.

Purpose:

The Futurity and Maturity Stakes offer breeders a special opportunity to present their breeding vision. It also, showcases the growth of a puppy through maturity indicating the potential of this breeding. The Maturity Stake not only provides Futurity nominated puppies with an additional opportunity to compete, but also gives those unable to participate in a Futurity the chance to compete during the next National Specialty

Here's how it works:

1. Breeder nominates the litter (after breeding but prior to whelping). Fee is \$25
2. Owner or Breeder may nominate an individual puppy from an approved nominated litter-for Futurity & Maturity. Nomination must be made before puppy is five (5) months old. Fee is \$25 for Futurity or Maturity only and \$45 for both Futurity and Maturity.
3. For an additional \$15 Late/Penalty Fee, the puppy nomination may be accepted no later than one day prior to the puppy's five month and 14 day birth date, but at least two weeks prior to close of entries for Futurity if the puppy is competing in Futurity. Postmark on the envelope will determine date of nomination. The \$15 late fee includes both Futurity & Maturity.
4. Puppy is entered in the appropriate Futurity/Maturity stake class at the National Specialty. The fee (currently \$10) will be listed on the Entry Form/Premium List.
5. [Futurity & Maturity Litter Nomination Form](http://www.pwdca.org/assets/docs/programs/futurity-maturity-litter-nomination-form.pdf) (http://www.pwdca.org/assets/docs/programs/futurity-maturity-litter-nomination-form.pdf)
6. [Futurity & Maturity Puppy Nomination Form](http://www.pwdca.org/assets/docs/programs/futurity-maturity-puppy-nomination-form.pdf) (http://www.pwdca.org/assets/docs/programs/futurity-maturity-puppy-nomination-form.pdf)

General Rules:

- Nomination fees are non-refundable except as provided in Nomination of Puppy, number "4" (below).
- Correct and timely nominations of both the litter and the individual puppy are required for stake eligibility, including Health and Litter Database documentation requirements.
- Prize monies can only be won through competition in stake judging.
- Nomination forms may be obtained either from the Futurity/Maturity coordinator or from the PWDCA Web page.
- Both sire and dam of litter must have "current" health records on file with the PWDCA Health and Litter Database at the time of nomination. Current is defined as consistent with the health certification requirements as outlined in the Health Testing Policy for PWDCA Breeders' Programs Participation. This can be found on the PWDCA website under [Health Testing Update](http://www.pwdca.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=292:health-testing-update&catid=37:news&Itemid=225) (http://www.pwdca.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=292:health-testing-update&catid=37:news&Itemid=225).
- **Frozen semen from deceased male** - Date of Death (DOD) must be specified. If DOD is prior to 1-1-11, health certifications must have been in accordance with the PWDCA Advertising Policy in effect at the time of the dog's death. If DOD is 1-1-11 or after, health certifications must have been in accordance with the Health Testing Policy for PWDCA Breeders' Programs Participation at the time of the dog's death. (Historical iterations of "The Courier" breeding ad policy are outlined on the Litter Nomination form.)
- After whelp, breeder must register the litter in PWDCA Health and Litter Database before the litter turns

5 months.

- Spayed/neutered puppies may NOT be entered in the Futurity/Maturity stake (regardless whether they were intact when they were nominated).
- Futurity/Maturity coordinator may nominate, his/her own litter(s) and puppy(s).
- Futurity and Maturity stake shall be held only once per year in conjunction with the PWDCA National Specialty. Puppy may compete only one time in Futurity and one time, a year later, in Maturity. Champions of record are eligible to compete.
- Disputes, which arise in relation to general aspects of the Futurity/Maturity stake, shall be jointly handled by the PWDCA President and Futurity/Maturity coordinator. Any dispute which specifically addresses the eligibility of puppies entered in the futurity and or maturity must be in writing and submitted to the Futurity/Maturity coordinator by mail within five (5) days from the date of the Futurity/Maturity stake. The name of the breeder and registered name of the pup in question must be included along with a detailed description of the nature of the dispute.
- The PWDCA Board, by majority vote of the full Board of Directors, may revise the Futurity/Maturity program from year to year with such adjustments, if any, to go into effect as of January 1 of each year. The PWDCA Board shall notify the PWDCA membership of any changes to the Futurity/Maturity stake program.
- Un-awarded monies from non-entered class placements and un-awarded monies due to absentees will return to the Futurity/Maturity stake fund for the following year, which moneys may first be used to offset any excess administration expenses (including costs related to hiring judge and their related expenses), with the balance, if any, to be included with the next distribution of Futurity/Maturity stake monies. Such un-awarded monies shall be given to the PWDCA Treasurer at the close of the National Specialty for depositing into the Futurity/Maturity operating fund.
- Futurity/Maturity judge (and related judge's expenses) is paid for from the futurity/maturity operating fund. The regional club hosting the PWDCA National Specialty selects the Futurity/Maturity judge. Prospective judges must be AKC approved, with either provisional or full licensing, for at least three years prior to judging; or, a breeder-judge may be selected with the criteria listed below. In addition, any AKC rules and/or restrictions in place at the time of the specialty/futurity/maturity stake relating to owners of puppies where such puppies were bred and sold by the judge must be adhered to. (If no regional club is the host of the national specialty during any given year, and the PWDCA hosts the national specialty, then the futurity/maturity judge is selected by the PWDCA membership under the same general selection/voting guidelines as set forth by the PWDCA in selecting the national specialty conformation judge.)

The criteria for the Futurity/Maturity judge if not an AKC approved judge

1. Must be a member of the PWDCA or Foreign National PWD organization
2. Must have bred a minimum of Three PWD litters and had at least Three PWD Conformation Champions
3. Must sign a form stating that they have participated, volunteered or observed at a Water Trial. This form is an addendum to this program
4. Must have participated in the breed for a minimum of Seven years through active participation in the PWDCA.
5. In addition it is suggested that a potential judge have attended at least one PWDCA Judges education seminar with appropriate documentation of same.

Nomination of Litter:

1. Must be by breeder or co-breeder, at least one of whom, preceding the date of litter nomination, must be a member of the PWDCA in good standing. The nominator, if living, must still be a member in good standing of the PWDCA at the time of stake judging. This requirement does not apply to the owner of

the sire.

2. Must be after the breeding, but before puppies are whelped. Postmark on envelope containing nomination establishes date of nomination. Faxed nominations will not be accepted. Fed-Ex, UPS or other Special mail is not necessary. Timing is determined by postmark only.
3. Fee is \$25 (checks/money orders only, payable to the PWDCA, in U.S. funds).
4. Nomination of litter makes each puppy in litter eligible for individual nomination.
5. All health information for both Sire and Dam must be on file with the PWDCA H&L database at the time of the nomination.

Nomination of Puppy – Futurity and Maturity:

1. Must be by owner and/or breeder, who need not be a PWDCA member.
2. Nomination for Futurity and Maturity must be before puppy reaches five (5) months of age and before Futurity/Maturity stake entries close. The date of nomination shall be determined by the postmark on the envelope containing the nomination, which must be dated no later than the day prior to the date the puppy reaches the age of five months or at least one week before the futurity stake entries close, whichever occurs first. Faxed nominations will not be accepted.
3. Late fee for Futurity and Maturity individual puppy nomination: If the puppy has reached 5 months and has not been nominated, an additional \$15/puppy penalty fee before the puppy reaches 5 months and 14 days, or if the puppy is competing in Futurity, at least three calendar weeks before futurity stake entries close, whichever comes first. The late fee of \$15 will be assessed for both Futurity and Maturity. There will be no other late fees or grace periods for litter or individual puppy nominations.
4. Fee is \$25 for Futurity or Maturity only and \$45 for both Futurity and Maturity (checks/money orders only, payable to the PWDCA, in U.S. funds). There are no refunds except that breeders who have nominated puppies but cannot show in Futurity or Maturity because of any AKC/PWDCA rules restricting who may show to a particular judge shall have their puppy nomination fee(s) refunded.
5. Breeder may individually nominate an entire litter if the breeder pays the \$25/\$45 nomination fee for each puppy and supplies the whelping date, name, sex, and color for each puppy. If neither litter nor individual registration number is available at time of nomination, breeder must supply said number(s) to Futurity/Maturity coordinator as soon as possible, but in no event any later than one week before Futurity stake entries close or at least one day before puppy(s) reaches the age of five months, whichever occurs first.
6. Any changes in the identifying information, which will be included in the Futurity/Maturity or PWDCA specialty show catalog from that previously provided the Futurity/Maturity coordinator, must be received by the Futurity/Maturity coordinator at least one (1) week before Futurity/Maturity stake entries close. Failure to provide such information will result in disqualification of puppy, and no refunds will be issued.
7. Nominated puppies may compete in the Futurity stake one time and the Maturity stake one time.

Entry for Stake Judging:

- Must also be entered in one of the regular classes at the PWDCA National Specialty show. Fee for this entry must be paid.
- Futurity and Maturity stake entry must be indicated as an additional class. Additional class entry must include age division (e.g., futurity 6-9 months). Puppies are eligible only for the Futurity stake which is held in conjunction with the first PWDCA National Specialty on or after the date a puppy reaches six (6) months of age (i.e., properly nominated puppies may be over 18 months of age when the next futurity stake is held for which such puppies may be entered and shown if the immediately preceding futurity stake was held before the puppy(s) was six months of age). A properly nominated puppy is eligible for Maturity in the next PWDCA National Specialty which is held after they are eligible for Futurity

whether or not they competed in Futurity at the preceding National Specialty. Entry fee is currently \$10. Entry fee refunds are made solely at the discretion of the show superintendent.

Class Divisions/Sequence of Judging:

- Futurity Stake is divided into four age groups, which are separated by two age divisions: 6-9 months and 9-12 months, which are the "Junior Puppy Division" classes; and 12-15 months and 15-plus months of age, which are the "Senior Puppy Division" classes
- Maturity Stake is divided into two age groups: Under two years and two years and over (up to 33 months)
- Each age group for both Futurity and Maturity is further divided by sex (with males to be judged first). Thus, there are two classes in each age group--one for each sex.
- There will be no more than four placements in each Futurity class and no more than four in each Maturity class,
- After all eight classes for Futurity are judged, all first place class winners (up to four) from the Junior Puppy Division re-enter the ring, and a Best Junior Puppy will be selected; then all first place class winners (up to four) from the Senior Puppy Division re-enter the ring, and a Best Senior Puppy will be selected. There will be no Best of Opposite Sex to Best Junior/Senior Puppy selected, nor will an overall Best in Futurity Puppy selected. After the two classes for Maturity are judged, all first place class winners (up to four) re-enter the ring. Best Maturity and Best of Opposite Sex in Maturity will be selected.

Divisions of Total Futurity Stake Monies:

- 18% of total nomination fees (plus non-entered and absentee monies from the previous year, if any) to operating expense fund ("Futurity/Maturity operating fund"). If total futurity/maturity expenses exceed 18%, then such overage shall be the responsibility of, and paid for by, the PWDCA National Specialty committee.
- 48% of total nomination fees to class placements (6% per class)
- (See Division of Individual Stake Monies defined below.)
- 8% of total nomination fees to Best Senior Puppy in Futurity.
- 8% of total nomination fees to Best Junior Puppy in Futurity.
- 18% of total nomination fees to breeders/owners of record. (See Division of Individual Prize Monies defined below.)

Division of Individual Stake Monies:

- 40% -- first place
- 30% -- second place
- 20% -- third place
- 10% -- fourth place

Division of Individual Prize Monies:

Of the 18% to be awarded to the breeder(s) and owner(s) of record, 9%, divided as follows, shall be awarded to the breeder(s)/owner(s) of the Best Junior Puppy, and 9%, divided as follows, shall be awarded to the breeder(s)/owner(s) of the Best Senior Puppy. These awards will be presented in the ring during judging. If the

recipient is not present, awards will be mailed.

- 50% to breeder(s) of record.
- 35% to owner(s) of puppy on date of stake judging.
- 15% to owner of sire on date dam was bred.

Divisions of Total Maturity Stake Monies:

- 18% of total nomination fees (plus non-entered and absentee monies from the previous year, if any) to operating expense fund ("futuraity/maturity operating fund"). If total futurity/maturity expenses exceed 18%, then such overage shall be the responsibility of, and paid for by, the PWDCA national specialty committee.
- 48% of total nomination fees to class placements (6% per class). (See Division of Individual Stake Monies defined below.)
- 8% of total nomination fees to Best in Maturity.
- 8% of total nomination fees to Best Opposite in Maturity.
- 18% of total nomination fees to breeders/owners of record. (See Division of Individual Prize Monies defined below.)

Division of Individual Stake Monies:

- 40% -- first place
- 30% -- second place
- 20% -- third place
- 10% -- fourth place

Division of Individual Prize Monies:

Of the 18% to be awarded to the breeder(s) and owner(s) of record, 9%, divided as follows, shall be awarded to the breeder(s)/owner(s) of the Best in Maturity, and 9%, divided as follows, shall be awarded to the breeder(s)/owner(s) of the Best of Opposite Sex in Maturity.

- 50% to breeder(s) of record.
- 35% to owner(s) of Maturity entrant on date of stake judging.
- 15% to owner of sire on date dam was bred.

Trophies and Ribbons:

- Ribbons shall be awarded for each class placement in Futurity and Maturity (1-4).
- Rosettes shall be awarded for Best Junior Puppy and Best Senior Puppy in Futurity.
- Trophies shall be awarded for Best Junior Puppy and Best Senior Puppy in Futurity.
- Rosette and Trophy shall be awarded to the Best in Maturity.
- Rosette and Trophy shall be awarded to the Best of Opposite Sex in Maturity.
- Trophies will be paid for with funds from the Futurity/Maturity operating fund. Ribbons and rosettes may be sponsored and paid for by PWDCA members.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR RULES:

- PWDCA member-breeder must nominate litter before it is whelped.
- Owner or breeder must nominate puppy before it reaches five (5) months of age.
- Both sire and dam of litter must have "current" health records on file with the PWDCA Health and Litter Database. Current is defined as consistent with the health certification requirements as outlined in the Health Testing Policy for PWDCA Breeders' Programs Participation.
- After whelp, litter must be listed with PWDCA Health and Litter Database.
- Futurity or Maturity is an additional class at the National Specialty and premium list/entry form must so indicate. (No points are awarded).
- All information on entry form for stake judging must be consistent with that which has been supplied the Futurity/Maturity coordinator; otherwise, puppy will be disqualified and no refunds will be given.

HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide host club liaison name and contact information to Futurity/Maturity coordinator.
- Provide superintendent's contact information to Futurity/Maturity coordinator.
- Make sure that host club liaison has rosettes, trophies, and stake monies ringside prior to stake judging beginning.
- Make sure that liaison has stake monies separated into individual envelopes; with envelopes clearly marked as to what class win the monies represent (e.g., Puppy Dogs, 9-12 months, 3rd place).
- Return any excess monies (e.g., the 3rd and 4th place cash awards for a class that only had two entries) to the PWDCA Treasurer with an accounting of such sums to Futurity/Maturity coordinator.

COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION:

Futurity/Maturity coordinator is responsible for:

- Verifying Breeders PWDCA membership; receiving litter and puppy nominations and forwarding nomination fees to PWDCA Treasurer on a monthly basis;
- Checking with Health and Litter Database coordinator that sire and dam of nominated litter have all current health information on file as stated under General Rules; as well as checking to make sure that nominated litters are subsequently filed in the Health and Litter Database.
- Supplying and coordinating with the national show secretary and superintendent a list of eligible Futurity/Maturity stake puppies
- Handling correspondence with nominators
 - Send out invitations to participate to breeders who have entered litters on PWDCA Litter Listing
 - Send out reminders to breeders when they Nominate their litters for Futurity/Maturity
- Ordering and maintaining necessary supplies/forms/postage; maintaining a computer database of all nominated litters/puppies and forward a copy of the database to the PWDCA President the first of each quarter
- Filing an annual report with PWDCA Board as well as advising the Board of any suggestions to rules, etc., changes to ensure Futurity/Maturity program runs smoothly from year to year
- Notifies PWDCA President of any written disputes and moves promptly to investigate the charges contained in the dispute. After investigation, reports findings to PWDCA President and along with PWDCA President determine if charges are substantiated. Prepares written notification to member who filed dispute and advises them of decision.
- Coordinating with PWDCA web site administrator, that current information on the Futurity/Maturity stake program and forms are correct on the Futurity/Maturity section of the web site.
- Sends all money received promptly to the PWDCA Treasurer for deposit into the Futurity/Maturity account. The PWDCA Treasurer is responsible to maintain all F/M funds in a separate account identified

as Futurity/Maturity. Prior to the national specialty, the Treasurer (or designee) is responsible for preparing the distribution of the award money and shall send a check(s) in the proper amount to the national specialty treasurer for distribution. The PWDCA specialty F/M liaison will receive the award monies from the specialty treasurer for distribution on the day of the F/M.

Retaining Futurity/Maturity stake nomination forms for one year after the Maturity stake is held, after which time such records may be destroyed.

- Maintaining a list of judges suggested/submitted by the breeders.

Futurity/Maturity Coordinator may have an assistant approved by the PWDCA Board.