



## Dogo Argentino Club of America Futurity Guidelines

The mission of the DACA Futurity is to provide competition where DACA club member breeders and owners can showcase their puppies. Its goal is to encourage breeders/owners to show their own dogs and to share the results of their breeding program, the potential of their young dogs and the future of the breed. The idea is these dogs will represent a breeder's best effort in researching and planning high quality litters, based upon their knowledge, understanding and confidence of the genetic potential of the breeding.

Futurity classes are judged just like any regular class at an AKC dog show. While there is ultimately a Best in Futurity and a Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity, these wins are prestigious only and no conformation points are awarded. Futurity is a nonregular competition where the breeder nominates a litter within 8 weeks of whelping and entered the puppies from that litter to compete

**The following guidelines would be mandatory for Futurity held at the DACA national.**

**Judge:** It is recommended that, as a first consideration, the judge be a qualified breeder of Dogo Argentinos with at least 10 years of experience in the breed. If such a person is not available, a qualified breeder of working dogs or a person working toward AKC approval in the working breeds may be invited to judge. All futurity judges must be given a copy of the futurity rules prior to their assignment, preferably with their contract.

- Judges should have no direct relation to the dogs entered; the judge should not have owned, handled, or boarded the stud or dam to a puppy that is exhibiting. The judge should also not be the same person doing breed judging. Otherwise, there is no restrictions as to who the judge may be
- Judges may not exhibit on any day of the specialty event or own any of the dogs showing.

### **Eligibility:**

- I. Eligible puppies would have whelped between October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> (Example: 2024 futurity eligible puppies would have been whelped between October 1, 2022, and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023).
- II. To nominate at least one of the breeders of record of the litter must have been a member of the DACA for 6 consecutive months prior to the nomination. If there are additional breeders of record for the litter, and they were not DACA members the litter may still be nominated, but higher fees will be charged.



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### Nominations:

- I. Litter nominations will be done using litter number given by AKC; UKC Litter registration numbers will not be accepted
- II. Second and third nominations will be done per pup using their AKC registration number, owners must ensure all information is correct, any deviations can result in pups being deemed ineligible
- III. Second and third nominations will be accepted if postmarked or finalized online up to 21 days late and accompanied by a penalty payment. Late nominations postmarked or finalized online after the 21<sup>st</sup> day or nominations without proper payments, will be returned and/or deemed ineligible. All Forfeits will become the property of the DACA Futurity and are non-refundable. All payments must be U.S. Funds.

Item	Deadline	Member Fee	Non Member Fee	Days Late / Fee		
Litter Nomination	56 days (8 weeks)	\$35	\$45	56-112 days add \$50	113-143 days add \$200	NO nominations accepted 144 days or later
Second Nomination	December 31	\$20 per pup	\$30	Up to 21 days late add \$20 per pup		
Third Nomination	February 28	\$20 per pup	\$30	Up to 21 days late add \$20 per pup		
Show Entry	Show entry deadline	\$20 per pup				



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### Classes:

- **Senior class:** For dogs whelped on or after October 1 through December 31. Dogs and Bitches will be judged separately.
- **Intermediate class:** For dogs whelped on or after January 1 through March 31. Dogs and Bitches will be judged separately.
- **Junior Class:** For dogs whelped on or after April 1 through June 30. Dogs and Bitches will be judged separately.
- **Puppy class:** For dogs whelped on or after July 1 to September 30. Dogs and Bitches will be judged separately
- The 8 class winners will then compete for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity

### Rosette or Ribbon prizes:

- Best in sweepstakes – Pink and green
- Best of Opposite Sex – Lavender
- First place in each class – rose
- Second in each class – brown
- Third in each class – light green
- Fourth in each class – gray

### Division of prize money:

After 35% of the Total Futurity Stake monies is deferred to cover expenses, the remaining 65% shall be divided among the Futurity Stake winners as follows:

80% shall be divided equally between the eight (8) respective classes whether or not there are any entrants for that class. Total prize money for each class will be awarded in the following manner:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner receives 40%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner receives 30%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner receives 20%
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place winner receives 10%



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The remaining 20% of the Futurity Prize monies shall be awarded in the following manner:

- 10% will be awarded to the Best Puppy in Futurity
- 10% will be awarded to the Best Opposite Sex to Best Puppy in Futurity
- Division of individual prizes will be awarded in the following manner:
- 50% of the total prize money awarded to an entrant shall go to the breeder(s) of the entrant
- 35% of the total prize money awarded to an entrant shall go to the owner(s) of the entrant  
15% of the total prize money awarded to an entrant shall go to the owner(s) of the sire at the time of litter nomination provided that the owner of the sire has been a member in good standing of the DACA for at least a six-month period immediately preceding the date of the Futurity judging. If not, the 15% earmarked for the sire's owner(s) shall revert to the Total Futurity monies for division at the next Futurity

### **Records:**

It shall be the responsibility of the Futurity Director to keep a complete record of nominated litters and individual nomination of puppies. This information shall include but will not be limited to the following:

- I. Eligible Futurity year
- II. Date of litter nomination
- III. Date of individual nomination
- IV. AKC registered name or name applied for
- V. Litter registration number
- VI. AKC registration number
- VII. Whelping date
- VIII. Sire of litter
- IX. Owner(s) of sire at time of nomination
- X. Dam of litter
- XI. Breeder(s) of litter



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- XII. Name of owner(s) under whom Puppy will be entered in Catalog
- XIII. Address of Owner(s) of puppy
- XIV. Address of Breeder(s) of puppy
- XV. Membership status of litter breeder(s) with DACA
- XVI. The futurity stake director shall receive copies of all futurity entries for comparison with file records for the purpose of determining accuracy and eligibility of Futurity entrants. Any discrepancies shall be reported immediately to the Show Chairperson