

The Details



American Brittany Club's
Eleventh Annual
Top 20 Event



Thursday, November 16, 2023

Kay Rodgers Park Expo Center

Fort Smith, Arkansas

**Introduction of judges and brief procedures
recap will begin at 5:00 PM.**

Judging will begin immediately following.

**ENTRIES CLOSE: SATURDAY, September 30,
2023 AT 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time.**

Developed to showcase excellence in the breed, the **Top 20** will provide special recognition to those Brittanys with the most outstanding records in the show ring and their breeders, handlers and owners. We have invited the Top Twenty Brittanys in Breed and All-Breed Rankings for all of 2022 and January 1st—June 30th of 2023 to compete in this event. Also invited are the BOB winners from 2023 Westminster Kennel Club as well as BOB from the 2023 Summer Specialty and 2022 National Specialty.

IMPORTANT! INVITATIONS ARE NOT A CONFIRMED ENTRY. OWNERS RECEIVING THE INVITE MUST ENSURE THAT A COMPLETED AND PAID ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING OF THIS EVENT.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Saturday, September 30, 2023 AT 5:00 PM EDST. Mail entries to Erin Dahan, 932 Hitchcock, Lisle IL 60532-2310 or entries can be done online at bit.ly/3L1tGd.
For questions please send your request to americanbrittanytop20@gmail.com.

ENTRY:

Entry per dog—\$75 (Competition or Exhibition Only*) Entry includes a personalized rosette with your dog's name and a two page catalog lay-out. See **CATALOG** details within for requirements.

PLEASE NOTE: Rosettes and catalogs for entered dogs that are not claimed at the show will not be mailed without self-addressed, pre-paid arrangements. Please contact Colleen at americanbrittanytop20@gmail.com for more details if needed. ***Exhibition Only** is for invited dogs who are ineligible to compete because an owner or co-owner involvement in the Top-20 event as a judge, etc. Complete details can be found in the rule book.

Personalized Rosette Only—\$40 For those dogs with multiple owners or for those who may not wish to enter their dog we offer the personalized **rosette Only** option. You may pick your rosette up at the event.

Shipping: Ribbons not claimed will be shipped to the address noted if prior arrangements have been made. If you want them shipped to different addresses, please complete a separate form for each "ship to" address. Be sure to check the Rosette Only Box! There will be a **\$10 shipping fee** for each rosette that is shipped.

CATALOG:

The catalog will be distributed to all paid participants prior to the start of Top 20 judging and after the judges announcement. A limited number of Top 20 Catalogs will also be available for sale at that time as well.

Each Top 20 competitor and Exhibition Only participant who paid the required entry fee by the closing date will be given a 2-page catalog layout. See sample catalog page for layout design. It is the responsibility of the owner(s) to see that all requested information and photographs are provided prior to the closing date and time. Digital photos can be emailed to americanbrittanytop20@gmail.com or a hard copy can be submitted with the dog's entry form and payment.

****SAMPLE CATALOG PAGES****

COLOR PHOTO

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TOP 20 PARTICIPANT, JH

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DOB: 01/01/01

“Britt”

Breeder: John Smith

Owner: Karen Jones

Handler: Patty Davis

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An index of all invited dogs will be included in the catalog, however, only those dogs with a paid entry will be included in the two page layout. If your dog will not be attending, but you would like to be included in the catalog AND receive the keepsake rosette, you MUST submit a FULL paid entry. Please include the appropriate shipping costs if you won't be attending. \$5 for catalog and \$10 for Rosette. Otherwise you can pick them up ringside.

IMPORTANT—PLEASE NOTE:

Photos should be in .jpg or similar format and a high resolution. Bios should be sent in an editable format (word, body of an email or similar). Please do NOT send as a .pdf. Pedigrees can be submitted in pdfs.

POST JUDGING—SPOTLIGHT MOMENT:

After judging is completed, each entrant will be introduced and gaited around the ring to music selected by the owner. **This is your dog's moment. Feel free to express yourself in a tasteful manner. That includes costumes or tricks!** ENJOY! CELEBRATE! Start thinking about the perfect soundtrack for your dog now! We will also be making a video of our Top 20 entries. Please submit 4 pictures to be included in the video. The video will play at times deemed appropriate by the committee.

Music and pictures can be sent to Colleen Walsh at americanbrittany-top20@gmail.com by the closing date.

AWARDS:

Each dog entered and participating in the Top 20 Competition will receive their personalized rosette. The winner of the Top 20 competition and the People's Choice Award winner will receive rosettes. There will be one Award of Merit (AOM) rosette given if there are at least 12 dogs in competition. If more than 18 entries, then two AOM's will be given.

<u>Top 20 Committee</u>	
Chair:	Jacqui Campbell
Committee Members:	Peggy Snider
Anne Phillips	Kassie Hamaker
Colleen Walsh	Karen Schramm

JUDGES:

Three anonymous judges have been selected. What we can tell you is that they are:

- **Judge #1 - Breeder:** A Brittany breeder who has been breeding for at least five years, having produced at least five AKC Champions of Record from at least three different litters.
- **Judge #2 - Handler** (Past or present): A professional handler who meets the requirements for membership in any professional handler's organization, though not necessarily a member. The person must have at least five year's professional handling experience and must be in good standing with the AKC, ABC, etc. It is preferred that the handler have at least three years' experience handling two or more Brittans.
- **Judge #3 - Special Guest:** The third member of our panel will be a qualified, licensed judge. He or she may not necessarily be approved to judge Brittans but will be recognized amongst the fancy as being one whose opinion about dogs is important and sought out.

Using a point system, each dog is individually evaluated by all three judges according to how closely the dog conforms to the breed standard.

Judge's will be announced and introduced prior to the start of the Top 20 event.

Following the announcement of judges, exhibitors and judges will be given a procedural briefing prior to the beginning of judging.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD AND BANQUET:

Those in the audience will be able to "judge along" from ringside. They will rank their favorite four entrants. These votes will count toward the Top 20 People's Choice Winner. Ballots will be made available prior to the event. One ballot per person in the audience.

The winners will be announced at the banquet held on Saturday evening.

Banquet tickets may be purchased from Doug Tighe. See details on club website: <http://www.theamericanbrittanyclub.org/2023/ABCNationalSpecialty.htm>

DRESS CODE:

This is a special occasion and we hope you will all join in the festivities by wearing formal or business attire.

ABC TOP 20 EVENT - ENTRY FORM

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Please include the following items when returning entries or email:

Three (3) generation pedigree, a full body photo of the dog, brief bio.

FEES DUE: \$75.00 Competition Entry
(Check One) \$75.00 Exhibition Only
 \$40.00 Rosette (extra or only) x _____ = \$ _____

(will be shipped to address shown)

Registered Name of Dog		Call Name
Registration number	Sex	Date of Birth
Breeder(s)		
Handler		
Owner(s)		
Owner(s) Address (or "ship to")		
City	ST	Zip
I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Brittany Club (ABC) Top 20 Event in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in this premium list for this event. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations of the ABC and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.		
SIGNATURE of owner or agent duly authorized to make this entry		
Telephone		
Email address		