**Showing in BELGIUM**

**FCI member, uses FCI standards and grading system, see** [**http://www.fci.be/en/Shows-43.html**](http://www.fci.be/en/Shows-43.html)

**Show calendar 2018**: https://www.kmsh.be/media/1161/belgian-dog-shows-calendar-2018.pdf

**26 May 2018**: Ch.Show The Collie Association, Rough and Smooth Collies, see [www.collieassociation.be](http://www.collieassociation.be). No benching.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The pet passport of entered dogs is being controlled by the designated veterinarian before they enter the exhibition building (site) This person has the authority to keep the animals away from any potential risk of contamination animals and people present. No appeal is possible on the vet's decision. This requirement is only mandatory for C.A.C.I.B.- or C.A.C.- exhibitions for all breeds or at CAC exhibitions of one or more breed groups. A permanent veterinary service is desirable in an exhibition with a large number of dogs, eg 100 registrations, but entered dogs muust always carry their petpassport with them.

In season bitches are allowed.

If allowed visitor dogs must be in order with the vaccinations (petpassport to be presented to the veterinarian) and meet up the same requirements as the entered dogs.

All C.A.C.I.B shows are held inside.

All breed C.A.C shows are normally held inside, it might be that for some breeds they use attached outdoor space if the inside venue is not big enough.

**A few shows for** a group of breeds (one or more breed groups or subgroups) are held outside.

**As for breed club shows**, some are held outside, it depends also of the time of the year

**Benches**: if there are benches it is announced on the entry form, most don’t do benches anymore.

**Entries and catalogues:** more and more shows promote entering online and use specialised sites like http://www.doglle.com/ and <https://www.onlinedogshows.eu/nl/>. Very often providing free catalogues online and if a paper one is preferred it has to be ordered when entering online and has to be paid for.

**Collie Rough, Collie Smooth and Shetland Sheepdogs** belong to Group 1 = Sheepdogs and Cattle- Dogs (except Swiss Cattle Dogs)

**QUALIFICATIONS AND SHOWS**

**Qualifications in minor puppy and puppy class**: ‘very promising', 'promising','sufficient' 'disqualification’ and 'can not be judged '

**Qualifications in youth, intermediate, open, champion, veteran and breeders class:** ‘excellent’ – ‘very good’ – ‘good’ – ‘sufficient’ –‘disqualification’ – ‘can not be judged’

A dog can only be entered in 1 individual class.

Dogs have to stand in order of number in the ring, the lowest number first.

There is only 1 C.A.C for males and 1 C.A.C for females and the CACIB is linked to the CAC (contrary to some other countries which have more classes a C.A.C can be won in and thus more CAC winners competing for the C.A.C.I.B).

In order to be eligible for a C.A.C and for a C.A.C.I.B the dog must have been graded with excellent.

A reserve C.A.C. is automatically turned into a C.A.C. if the winning dog is already a confirmed belgian champion.

A RCACIB is automatically turned into a CACIB if the CACIB was awarded to a dog (subject or not to a working test) that already has the title of C.I.B. (this title must have been confirmed by the FCI latest on the day of the show). A RCACIB can also be turned into a CACIB but only at the request of the owner of the dog that won the RCACIB or at the request of his/her national canine organisation if the CACIB was awarded to a dog that fulfils, on the day of the show, the requirements (in terms of number of CACIB earned and necessary time required.

Judging is being done without a catalog. The judge can ask questions to the exhibitors concerning age, any injuries but not about qualifications or results already achieved, but never consult with third parties concerning the value of the dogs. The judge is obliged to qualify all dogs approved by him or to disqualify. He places only the four best dogs of each class - except for the dogs graded with less proficient than ‘very good’. Placing must be done in a clear manner for the exhibitors and the public.

It is forbidden to treat the fur, skin or nose so that the structure, color or shape changes. It isalso forbidden to use products or materials on the dog in the exhibition halls. Only the use of a comb or a brush is allowed. It is also forbidden the have the dog tied to a grooming table longer than the time needed to prepare the dog.

In case the dog is not in time for the start of the judgingtof his class he can still be Judge afterwards and graded but the dog is no longer eligible for placement.

Dogs that have been placed in quarantine by the veterinarian should be considered as not present.

The dogs should be present on the whole day of their judging and until the start of ring of honour judging unless otherwise decided by the organization**.**

**Type of shows:**

1. **C.A.C.I.B exhibitions** - always all breed shows, spread over 2 days or 2 seperate

ones in 1 weekend.

**b) C.A.C. exhibitions**

 1. for all breeds

 2.for a group of breeds (one or several breed groups or subgroups)

 3.for a single breed (breed special) or for related breeds (breed special)

 **c) the exhibitions without C.A.C. or C.A.C.I.B. (Open Shows)**

 1. for all breeds

 2.for a group of breeds (one or more breed groups or subgroups)

 3.for a single breed (breed special) or for related breeds (breed special)

 **d) exhibitions, without C.A.C. reserved to the members of the organizing association (s), the so-called Club match**

 1. for all breeds

 2. for a group of breeds

 3.for a single breed

 **e) young dog days and veteran days** reserved for the minor puppy, puppy, youth and

 veteran class. Intermediary class (Intermediate class) only for one single breed or for

 related breeds (breed clubs)

**Classes at general open, C.A.C and C.A.C+C.A.C.I.B shows (red ones eligible for competing for the C.A.C- C.A.C.I.B):**

**Minor puppy (optional)** - from 3till 6 months the day befiore the show, is not competing for C.A.C, BOB

**Puppy (optional) -** from 6 till 9 months the day before the show, is not competing for C.A.C, BOB

**Youth -** from 9 till 18 months the day before the show, is eligible for the title of Belgian Youth Champion. Is not competing for the C.A.C and C.A.C.I.B but can compete for BOB.

**Intermediate -** dogs from 15 till 24 months the day before the show, can compete for C.A.C. and BOB

**Open -** min. 15 months the day before the show, can compete for C.A.C. and BOB

**Working dogs class:** minimum age 15 months, Open to the dogs of breeds subjected to work trials,**so not for Collie Rough, Smooth Collie and Shetland Sheepdog**

**Champion -** min. 15 months the day before the show, can compete for C.A.C. and BOB. **Proof of champion title to be submitted**

**Veteran -** from 8 year onwards the day before the show, is eligible for the title of Belgian Veteran Champion. Is not competing for the C.A.C and C.A.C.I.B, can compete for BOB

**Couple (optional) -** for two dogs of the same variety but of different sex which are owned by the exhibitor or bred by the same breeder. There can only be 1 couple per breed to the ring of honor**.**

**Group (optional) -** for at least three dogs of the same variety without discrimination of sex, which are owned by the exhibitor or bred by the same breeder. Only 1 group per breed can go to the ring of honor.

**C.A.C.I.B Best of Breed competition (BOB)** and Best of Opposite Sex (BOS) The Best junior, CACIB winner and best veteran from both sexes, if awarded excellent, will compete for Best of Breed (BOB). The judge must also choose the best exhibit from the opposite sex (BOS) next to the BOB winner. Regulations for FCI Dog Shows and Complementary rules for World and Sections Shows Page 10 Optional (in case an optional Best of Sex competition is held): the best male and the best bitch from Best of Sex competition compete for Best of Breed (BOB) and Best of Opposite Sex (BOS).

**C.A.C Best of Breed competition (BOB**): between C.A.C dog, C.A.C bitch, Best Youth and Best Veteran. The judge must also choose the best exhibit from the opposite sex (BOS) next to the BOB winner

**Classes at breed club open and championship shows (red ones eligible for competing for the C.A.C)**

**Baby**

**Puppy**

**Youth**

**Intermediate**

**Open**

**Working dogs class: not for Collie Rough, Smooth Collie and Shetland Sheepdog**

**Champion**

**Veteran**

**Breeders -** min. 15 months the day before the show, owned by the breeder or show nor shown as his property. can compete for C.A.C. and BOB **)**

**Couple (optional) -** for two dogs of the same variety but of different sex who are owned by the exhibitor or bred by the same breeder and entered in an individual class. At all breed shows there can only be 1 couple per breed to the ring of honor**.**

**Group (optional) -** for at least three dogs of the same variety without discrimination of gender, who are owned by the exhibitor or bred by the same breeder and entered in an individual class . At all breed shows only 1 group per breed can go to the ring of honor.

**Breeding class (optional:** for dogs (male or female) with at least three descendants who are present and entered in a class of individual competition. The classification only takes into account the value of the descendants and the prizes are awarded whatever the age nd condition is of the sire or the dam. It is sufficient that he / she is also present at the exhibition; this dog does not have to be entered.

**Best of Breed competition (BOB**): between C.A.C dog, C.A.C bitch, Best Youth and Best Veteran. The judge must also choose the best exhibit from the opposite sex (BOS) next to the BOB winner

**CHAMPION TITLES**

**Requirements for the Belgian Champion title (costs 15 euro):** 4 C.A.C. 's one of which is on a C.A.C.I.B., under 3 different judges. The C.A.C. obtained at the exhibition of the Royal Society Saint Hubert counts double. If the Koninklijke Maatschappij Sint-Hubertus organizes more than one exhibition during the same year, the double C.A.C. can only be obtained at the exhibition which the Royal Society Sint-Hubertus designated for this purpose. Between first and last C.A.C. must be 1 year.

**C.A.C. once confirmed** have a look at <http://www.srsh-caconline.be/> : You have the opportunity to obtain your C.A.C online: first select the year, then the date and then the organizing club. Afterwards you will be able to find the name of your dog and you can print or save the C.A.C in PDF format. No C.A.C will be sent by post anymore.

**Requirements for the Belgian Youth Champion title (costs 15 euro plus fee for registred sending if asked for)** achieving minimum 2 times 1 ° very good and 1 time 1 ° excellent in junior class under three different judges.

**Requirements for the Belgian Veteran Champion title: (costs 20 euro)** after obtaining 4 times 1 ° excellent in veteran class under 3 different judges.

**Shows where qualifications for the Youth and Veteran titles can be obtained**:

All breed C.A.C exhibitions All breed C.A.C-CACIB exhibitions All breed Open shows Breed specials with C.A.C and open ones Youth and Veteran Day

**You can find the application forms for all titles** at the e-counter of the Belgian Kennel Club https://www.kmsh.be/home/ after proceeding LOGIN and they can be send then send by e-mail.

**BREED CLUBS**

**Breed club for Rough and Smooth Collie**: The Collie Association [www.collieassociation.be](http://www.collieassociation.be)

**Breed club for all British Sheepdogs**: <http://britishsheepdogclub.be/nl/index.html>

[**http://www.bssc.be/**](http://www.bssc.be/)Belgian Shetland Sheepdog Club

**PS: QUALIFICATIONS AND PLACINGS**

The qualifications given by the judges must correspond to the following definitions:

**EXCELLENT** may only be awarded to a dog which comes very close to the ideal standard of the breed, which is presented in excellent condition, displays a harmonious, well-balanced temperament, is of high class and has excellent posture. Its superior characteristics in respect of its breed permit that minor imperfections can be ignored; it must however have the typical features of its sex.

**VERY GOOD** may only be awarded to a dog that possesses the typical features of its breed, which has well-balanced proportions and is in correct condition. A few minor faults may be tolerated. This award can only be granted to a dog that shows class.

**GOOD** is to be awarded to a dog that possesses the main features of its breed. The good points should outweigh the faults so that the dog can be considered a good representative of its breed.

**SUFFICIEN**T should be awarded to a dog which corresponds adequately to its breed, without possessing the generally accepted characteristics or whose physical condition leaves a lot to be desired.

**DISQUALIFIED** must be awarded to a dog which does not correspond to the type required by the breed standard; which shows a behaviour clearly not in line with its standard or which behaves aggressively; which has testicular abnormalities; which has a jaw anomaly; which shows a colour or coat structure that is not according to the breed standard or clearly shows signs of albinism. This qualification shall also be awarded to dogs that correspond so little to a single feature of the breed that their health is threatened. It should furthermore be awarded to dogs that show disqualifying faults in regard to the breed standard. The reason why the dog was rated DISQUALIFIED has to be stated in the judge’s report. Dogs that cannot be awarded one of the above qualifications shall be released from the ring with the rating:

**CANNOT BE JUDGED**. This rating is to be given to any dog which does not move, which is lame, which constantly jumps up and down on its handler or tries to get out of the ring, which makes it impossible to assess the gait and the movement or avoids constantly to be examined by the judge and makes it impossible to inspect teeth, anatomy and structure, tail or testicles. This rating is also to be given if traces of operations or treatment can be observed which seem to indicate that the exhibitor wanted to deceive the judge. The same applies if the judge has ample reason to suspect operations that were intended to correct the original condition or feature (e.g.: eyelid, ear or tail). The reason why the dog was rated CANNOT BE JUDGED has to be stated in the judge’s report.

The four best dogs in each class are placed provided that they have been awarded at least the qualification “VERY GOOD”.