

FLCA Puppy Sweepstakes General Guidelines

1. **Mission.** FLCA Sweepstakes provide a competition where breeders and owners can showcase their puppies.
2. **Purpose.** To encourage owner/handlers to show their own dogs and to share the results of their breeding program, the potential of their young dogs, and their structural soundness.
3. **Time.** Sweepstakes should be held so as not to conflict with the judging of the regular classes. This can be done by scheduling for early morning before regular classes begin, or preferably in the evening after Best In Show, if available arrangements can be made and adequate time is available. Or, if both ring and time are otherwise available.
4. **Judge.** It is recommended that the judge have experience with Herding breeds, be a qualified breeder of herding dogs, or be a person working toward AKC approval with dogs in the Herding Group. Hands on experience with Finnish Lapphunds is preferable, but not mandatory.
5. **Handler.** The handler of a Sweepstakes exhibit is preferably either the owner, co-owner, breeder, or a member of their immediate family. If not possible, than another designated individual may take the entry into the ring during judging or check-in.
6. **Handler Exclusion.** The following exclusions apply, unless the handler is the sole owner registered with the AKC or co-owns the entry.
 - a. Any individual listed as an agent on any dog in any regular or non-regular class at this or any other show in the previous two years.
 - b. Any individual with an Agent number, including, but not limited to an AKC Registered Handler number or Professional Handlers Association Number, (PHA).
7. **Prize Money.** Distribution of prize money will be by the following schedule of the percent of the entry fees in each class:
 - a. **35% FLCA** to cover expenses
 - b. **20%** Best In Sweepstakes
 - c. **15%** Best of Opposite Sex to Best In Sweepstakes
 - d. **15%** First place in each class
 - e. **7.5%** Second place in each class
 - f. **5%** Third place in each class
 - g. **2.5%** Fourth place in each class
8. **Eligibility.** Any purebred Finnish Lapphund 3 months of age and under 18 months of age. Dogs which have completed requirements for an AKC Championship, according to AKC records, or who have completed requirements for a CKC Championship, according to CKC records prior to the closing date of the show at which the Sweepstakes are to be held are not eligible. Pointed and major pointed dogs are eligible.
9. **Class Divisions.** Class divisions are the same for dogs and bitches.
 - a. **3 months and under 6 months**
 - b. **6 months and under 9 months**
 - c. **9 months and under 12 months**
 - d. **12 months and under 18 months**

10. Rosettes or Ribbons

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| a. Best in Sweepstakes | Pink and Green |
| b. Best of Opposite Sex | Lavendar |
| c. First place in each class | Rose |
| d. Second place in each class | Brown |
| e. Third place in each class | Light Green |
| f. Fourth place in each class | Gray |

11. Additional Prizes. At the discretion of each years' Show Chair or Sweepstakes Match Chair.

12. Entry Fee. At the discretion of the Show Chair as costs dictate. At the present time, the recommended entry fee shall be \$10.