



Sonoma County's Top Dog Judge's Choice Photo Contest Rubric

These are the guidelines as to how each photo will be judged per each criteria:

Criteria	Poor (1-2 points)	Good (3-4 points)	Excellent (5 points)
Focus and Clarity	Image is blurry or out of focus	Image is mostly clear with some areas of blur	Image is sharp and clear throughout
Composition	Subject is not well-framed or the image is cluttered	Subject is adequately framed with some distracting elements	Subject is well-framed and the image is free of distractions
Lighting	Image is too dark, too light, or has harsh shadows	Image has decent lighting but could use improvement	Image has excellent lighting that enhances the subject
Impact	Dog is not clearly visible, does not evoke a response from viewer or does not tell a story	Dog is visible, evokes some response from the viewer, or has a story	Dog is clearly visible, evokes a response from the viewer and tells a story
Creativity	Image lacks originality or creative elements	Image shows some originality or creative elements	Image shows high level of originality or creative elements

The judges can assign points for each criteria, and the total score would be the sum of all points. The maximum possible score would be 25 points.