

OODLEMANIA COMPETITION SCHEDULE

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fees for the Melbourne Royal Show Oodlemania Competition on Sunday 4 October 2026, including 2x passes to the Show, are:

ONLINE ENTRIES

Registration of entry: \$35

Class 1 - Most Handsome Oodle Dog - \$10

Class 2 - Prettiest Oodle Female - \$40

Class 3 - Cutest Oodle Puppy (3-12 months) - \$10

Class 4 - Best Fancy Dress - \$10

Class 5 - Best Groomed Oodle - \$10

Class 6 - Best Trick - \$10

Class 7 - Best Recall - \$10

Class 8 - Oodlemania Champion (winners of Classes 1-7) - FREE!

PRIZES

Classes 1-7

WINNERS

- \$100 cash
- 9kg LifeWise product
- Rosette
- Melbourne Royal Certificate

RUNNERS UP

- 2.5kg bags of LifeWise product
- Sash

Class 8 Oodlemania Champion

WINNER

- \$200 cash
- 18kg LifeWise product
- Melbourne Royal Certificate
- Rosette
- Framed Photo

PARKING FEES

Car parking is available in the precinct at your own cost.

CLOSING DAY OF ENTRY

Entries close: Thursday 10 September 2026

(Entries received after this date will not be accepted)

Telephone: 03 92817444

Enter online: www.melbourneroyal.com.au

Melbourne Royal reserves the right to close entries before the official closing Day of Entry as we have restricted the number of entries for the 2026 Oodlemania Competition to 150 exhibits.

BENCHES

All accepted entries will be provided with a benching space that has a tether point and area for your Dog to rest during the Day.

Note: Exhibitors must always supervise their dog in the pavilion. We therefore highly recommend exhibitors utilise available passes.

SPECIAL OODLEMANIA REGULATIONS

1. INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS

(a) The Melbourne Royal Dogs Special Regulations apply to Oodlemania. These Special Oodlemania Regulations apply to this Section only. Copies of all Regulations are available on the Melbourne Royal website www.melbourneroyal.com.au

(b) In the event of any conflict between the regulations, dispute or difference concerning the meaning of the Regulations or the Application for Entry details, the decision of Melbourne Royal shall be final and binding.

2. DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations, unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:

Exhibit used as a noun shall, where the context reasonably permits, be deemed to refer to anything in any Class of the Show.

Handler means the Person responsible for the display of an **Exhibit** in the judging enclosure or responsible for the care of an Exhibit in the Pavilion.

Person words importing "Person" include a firm, partnership, company or corporation.

Show used as a noun includes any function at which dogs compete and at which prizes are awarded.

MR means Melbourne Royal

Veterinary Surgeon means the Veterinary Surgeon appointed by Melbourne Royal and includes his/her deputy.

3. WARRANTY

Every Exhibitor warrants that he/she is the Owner of every animal brought by him/her or by his/her authority onto the Showground.

4. INDEMNITY

Exhibitors agree to always be responsible for their Exhibits, any acts and omissions on the part of a Person given responsibility by an Exhibitor, acts as an agent of the Exhibitor, and the Persons acts and omissions will be deemed those of the Exhibitor. The Exhibitor agrees to indemnify Melbourne Royal, from any loss or injury to or caused by the Exhibit. The full indemnity and release is contained in the General Regulations.

5. VETTING

(a) All puppies must be over 3 months of age at the first day of the Show, 24 September 2026 and be fully vaccinated, with vaccinations carried out no less than 14 days prior to the Show.

6. SICK OR DISEASED ANIMALS

(a) The MR Veterinary Surgeon, will decide whether a dog or puppy is:

(i) sick;

(ii) injured;

(iii) diseased;

(iv) likely to be affected with a contagious or infectious disease due to known, or reasonably suspected, of contact with contagious or infectious disease within 30 days or the relevant incubation period, whichever is the shorter, prior to the date upon which the relevant Exhibit was brought on to the Showground; or

(v) showing any signs of any surgical or other artificial interference which is calculated to deceive or is capable of deceiving spectators.

(b) In such cases the entry may be cancelled or the Exhibit disqualified and the Exhibitor agrees to follow the directions of the MR Staff in relation to either removing the animal from the Showground or quarantining the animal.

(c) If the Exhibitor breaches this regulation, the Exhibitor agrees to be:

(i) responsible for all costs associated with MR organising the removal and appropriate kennelling for the animal; and

(ii) subject to a Disciplinary Hearing for the breach.

7. MR'S RIGHT TO CANCEL AN ENTRY

In order to effectively run competitions, entries may have to be cancelled from time to time. MR has the right to cancel an Entry (even after Acceptance) if deemed appropriate, without providing their reasons to the Exhibitor. Acting reasonably, Entry Fees will be refunded at the Committee's discretion.

8. RESPONSIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS

Attendance of a dog in the Assembly Ring when required for Judging shall be the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor.

9. SUITABLE COLLARS AND LEADS

(a) A dog must be always brought to the Show with a suitable collar and lead and be led by such suitable collar and lead.

(b) A dog when benched and not under the immediate control of the Exhibitor or Handler must be either in a suitable crate or tied up on its bench by a suitable collar and lead in such a way as to prevent the dog falling from the bench.

10. BENCHING

(a) Only dogs on Exhibition for the day of judging will be permitted to be benched.

(c) (i) MR may require any sign considered to be inappropriate to be removed.

(ii) An Exhibitor must not display on their bench, or in any space, or on anything adjacent to or nearby their bench without limitation, including crates and trolleys, anything on which appears a name, logo, brand or other mark relating to an organisation that is commercially competitive with any other organisation that is a major sponsor of the MRS.

11. REMOVAL FROM BENCH

A dog may not be removed from its bench between the hours of 9am to 3pm unless,

- (a) for the purpose of being judged;
- (b) (i) for the purpose of being exercised in the special area provided, or
(ii) for the purpose of being part of the Show as required by MR in which case permission from a Steward must be obtained;
- (c) the Exhibit is unfit to stay on the bench, in which case a Veterinary Certificate must be produced;
- (d) the Exhibitor has permission from MR
- (e) dogs are NOT permitted to be led around the Showground. They must remain in the Competition precinct. If an Exhibitor breaches this Regulation, then, at the discretion of MR, the Exhibitor and the Exhibit concerned may be refused entry at any future Exhibition or Show.

12. DOG ADMITTANCE

An Exhibit Confirmation Advice will permit entry for the Exhibit/s & vehicle to enter the site for the purposes of delivering dogs during the specified delivery times only. It does not permit Exhibitors or parking on site. The vehicle must be removed from site immediately after the dog is delivered. The driver will need a valid Show Pass, Show Ticket to re-enter the site on foot via the designated pedestrian entries. Vehicles or passengers without a valid pass will be denied entry and directed to contact the Competition Organiser. Vehicles that remain on site illegally will be infringed.

13. ONLY EXHIBITS TO BE BROUGHT ON TO THE SHOWGROUND

An animal other than an Exhibit in respect of which an Application for Entry has been accepted by MR shall not be brought onto the Showground by any Exhibitor or other Person except with the consent of MR.

14. PASSES

Exhibitors will receive two passes for each dog entered.

15. BENCHING TIMES

Any Exhibitor who is unable to observe the times below should not submit an entry:

- (a) Oodlemania Show Classes 8:30am to 4pm

16. STARTING TIMES

Any Exhibitor who is unable to observe the times below should not submit an entry:

- (a) Oodlemania Judging 10am – 3pm

17. PAVILION OPEN TO PUBLIC

The Pavilion or such portion of it as may be determined by the Steward-in-Chief will be open to the public between 9am and 5pm each day. It is a condition of entry that exhibits must remain in the pavilion until 2pm each day for exhibition to the public.

18. JUDGE

MRS always reserves the right at its absolute discretion without assigning any reason therefore to reallocate judging days or replace/substitute any Judge for breeds'.

19. DUTY OF CARE

(a) All Owners, Exhibitors and Handlers are required to comply with all applicable legislation, including but not limited to the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 (VIC),

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulation, 2019 (VIC),

Code of Practice for the Public Display of Exhibition of Animals (VIC)

Domestic Animals Act 1994 (VIC)

Code of Practice for the Private Keeping of Dogs

19. DUTY OF CARE (CONTINUED)

(b) All Exhibits coming to the Show must always be under effective control by a competent Person.

(c) An Exhibitor or nominated Person shall always exercise reasonable care, control and/or supervision of the Exhibit. An Exhibitor or nominated Person who brings an Exhibit to the Show, shall have a duty of care for their animal and to the community. This includes the comfort, safety and welfare of their animal and the interactions of any animal, and with any other Person or animal, at any time, whilst on-site at the Show.

20. HANDLING

Where the Person is handling the Exhibit, they shall not act in a manner which unreasonably, unnecessarily or unjustifiably inflict pain upon the Exhibit. This includes acts that are deemed physical or psychological abuse.

21. AGGRESSIVE DOGS

(a) It is the obligation of each Owner, Exhibitor and Handler at a Show to take all such steps as may be necessary to ensure that any dog under that Person's care or control or for which that Person is responsible does not behave in an aggressive manner.

(b) It is the obligation of any Person at a Show who observes a dog behaving in an aggressive manner to report the incident either orally or in writing to a member of the MR Staff as soon as possible after the incident.

(c) If MR is satisfied that the incident comprised or included the dog attacking, or attempting to attack, any Person or another dog at the Show, MR may declare the dog to be an aggressive dog.

(d) MR shall advise in writing, on the day, the Person who appears to be responsible for the care and control of an aggressive dog of its declaration as such.

(e) Forthwith upon MR declaring a dog to be an aggressive dog:

(i) the Owner, Exhibitor or Handler responsible for the dog shall forthwith remove the dog from the Showground;

(ii) the dog shall ipso facto be disqualified from further Exhibition at the Show in question.

24. COMPLIANCE WITH DIRECTIONS

Each Exhibitor must comply with any direction given by any Official of MR. This includes Veterinary Officials and staff. Failure to comply could result in removal from the precinct and subsequent refusal of future entries.

25. DISPUTES

Any dispute or difference and any inquiry into any alleged misconduct or breach of the Rules or Regulations applicable to the Show shall be dealt with by MR.

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