

NAEDA Futurity/Maturity

Information and Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q. Can anyone nominate a litter for the Futurity/Maturity?

A. Yes, nominations are open to all breeders and owners of UKC registered American Eskimos so long as the litter being nominated is owned or co-owned by the person nominating the litter. Membership in NAEDA is not required to nominate a litter.

2. Q. For what year should I nominate a litter?

A. The nomination year is based on the first year a puppy will be eligible to compete at the NAEDA National show. Puppies are eligible at age 6 months. If you expect a litter to be whelped near the dividing line between eligibility for one year versus another, the Futurity Chairman will determine eligibility based on the expected whelp date. If the actual whelp date changes the year of eligibility, the eligibility and nomination number will be reassigned for the litter.

3. Q. What constitutes a valid nomination?

A. A valid nomination requires 3 elements:

- A fully completed nomination form received by the Futurity/Maturity Chairman by the nomination deadline
- A signature by the owner or co-owner of the litter if submitted by mail
- Full payment for the nomination

4. Q. What are the nomination deadlines?

A. A litter nomination must be postmarked before the whelp date. The postmark establishes the date of the nomination.

5. Q. What can I do if I am facing a nomination deadline?

A. You can either request a hand cancellation at the post office to establish the postmark or you can fill out the nomination form and payment by PayPal online on the NAEDA website at www.naeda.org/forms.html. The online nomination establishes the postmark based on the later of either the online nomination or the online payment transfer.

6. Q. What exceptions are allowed for late nominations?

A. The Futurity/Maturity rules are very clear on this point – there are no exceptions.

7. Q. Should I send a nomination via Express Mail, Certified Mail or Return Receipt Requested?

A. This is not necessary as the postmark governs eligibility and not the date received.

8. Q. How will I know when a nomination is accepted and validated?

A. A confirmation will be returned to the nominator with a litter nomination number

9. Q. Does a litter nomination carry an obligation to nominate puppies?

A. No, you are not obligated to nominate all or any puppies just because the litter was nominated.

10. Q. Do I need to save the confirmation number that is returned to me?

A. Yes, the litter nomination number is needed to nominate individual puppies.

11. Q. Can I nominate a puppy or puppies from the litter before I apply for the UKC registration papers?

A. No. Nominations of individual puppies will require a UKC number for each puppy.

12. Q. What should I do if ownership of the puppy changes after nomination?

A. There is no need to forward changes in ownership.

All Litter and Puppy Nominations must be sent to:

Susan Bell, Futurity Registrar
3564 1/2 Mile Rd.
Athens, MI 49011

Payment must be sent to:

Shane Groves
2405 Trail of Madrones
Austin, TX 78746

NAEDA Futurity/Maturity Checklist

For breeders and exhibitors

- _____ **Nominate litter after breeding and before whelping date**
- _____ **Download litter nomination form or nominate on line**
- _____ **Complete all lines of the litter nomination form**
- _____ **Mail litter nomination form with payment and postmark before whelping date**
- _____ **Receive litter futurity/maturity number within 4 weeks of nomination**
- _____ **Nominate individual puppies after birth and up to 4 months of age**
- _____ **Download puppy nomination form or nominate online**
- _____ **Complete all lines on puppy nomination form**
- _____ **Mail puppy nomination form with payment & postmark on or before 4 months of age**
- _____ **Receive puppy futurity/maturity number within 4 weeks of nomination**
- _____ **Submit NAEDA futurity/maturity entry with futurity/maturity assigned number to NAEDA by close of entries on day of national show eligibility.**

NAEDA Futurity/Maturity Rules

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NAEDA is pleased to offer breeders and owners of UKC registered American Eskimos a special opportunity to showcase their puppies at two consecutive NAEDA National shows through the NAEDA Futurity and Maturity program. The Futurity and Maturity program seeks to encourage highly selective breeding practices and to reward breeders for their achievements. The Maturity part of the program not only provides Futurity nominated puppies with an additional opportunity to compete, but also gives those unable to participate in a Futurity the chance to compete during the next National show.

Futurity Rules:

1. The process begins by nominating a LITTER. Individual puppies from a nominated litter are eligible to compete in the FIRST Futurity held on or after the date they reach six months of age, and in the next year's Maturity, and ONLY in those classes.
2. Correct and timely nominations of both the litter and the individual puppy are required for eligibility.
3. Nomination of a LITTER must be made by the breeder or co-breeder of the litter. To be timely, the nomination must be after the breeding has occurred but BEFORE the puppies are whelped. Nomination of a litter makes each puppy in that litter eligible for individual nomination and entry into both the Futurity and the following year's Maturity classes, and only those classes.
4. The fee is \$20.00. Of the litter nomination fees, \$5 will be retained by NAEDA for expenses and \$15 will go to Futurity/Maturity prize money. Upon receipt of a litter nomination, the Futurity/Maturity Chairperson will send the nominator a confirmation of the nomination with a litter number. When the puppies have whelped, the nominator can request the correct number of puppy nomination forms from the Futurity Chairperson. A Futurity/Maturity nomination is final and no refunds will be made. Nomination fees cannot be transferred from one litter to another.
5. Nomination of a puppy must be made by the breeder, owner or co-owner of the puppy, none of whom need be members of NAEDA. To be timely, the puppy nomination must be made before the puppy reaches 4 months of age.
6. The fee is \$20.00. Puppies nominated for the Futurity are also automatically nominated for the Maturity one year hence. Of the puppy nomination fees, \$5.00 will be retained by NAEDA for expenses, \$7.50 for Futurity prize money, and \$7.50 for the next year's Maturity prize money.
7. Individual puppies from a nominated litter are eligible to compete in the first Futurity held on or after the date they reach six months of age.
8. If a dog, its sire, or its dam is owned or co-owned by the judge or a member of the judge's family, that dog cannot be shown at the Futurity/Maturity competition.
9. An entry for Futurity judging must be entered in one of the regular classes at the National show. The Futurity entry must be on the same entry form in the Non-Licensed portion of the form. There is a \$10.00 fee for this additional class (Futurity).

10. Class divisions for the Futurity are: 6 – 9 months; 9 – 12 months. Each age group is further divided by sex. The two dog classes will be judged in order, followed by the female classes. The Judge will make four placements for each class. The Judge will select Best Futurity Puppy from the four winners of the classes.

Maturity Rules:

1. The Maturity will be held in conjunction with the NAEDA national show. A puppy nominated for the Futurity is automatically nominated for the following year's Maturity. Entry in the Futurity is not required for Maturity eligibility.
2. Individual puppies from a nominated litter are eligible to compete in the Maturity held the year after the Futurity for which they are eligible.
3. If a dog, its sire or its dam is owned or co-owned by the judge or a member of the judge's family, that dog cannot be shown at this Maturity competition.
4. An entry for the Maturity judging must be entered in one of the regular classes at the National show. The Maturity entry must be on the same form in the Non-Licensed portion of the form. There is a \$10.00 fee for this additional class (Maturity).
5. The class for the Maturity is for puppies over 12 months of age. The classes will be divided by sex. Dogs will be judged first followed by females. The judge will make four placements for each class. The Judge will select Best Maturity Winner from the winners of the two sexes.

Futurity/Maturity Division of monetary awards:

The division of the monetary awards will be:

The breeder, the owner, and the sire's owner at each class and level of competition within the Futurity/Maturity Events.