

### **Six Tips for success in the conformation Ring**

1. Start teaching the routines of gaiting and being examined when your puppy is eight to twelve weeks of age.
2. Make conformation practice seem like fun and games to the puppy.
3. Inject plenty of play and praise into your training sessions.
4. Remember, your voice is the one motivator you will always have with you. If your dog responds to it, you won't panic when you run out of bait or forget is favourite squeaky toy.
5. Use play training as motivation all through the dog's conformation career. Never let the show routine become boring.
6. If you are the most exciting thing in your dog's world, the judges will take notice of the rapport between you. They are more likely to put up a dog that enjoys showing and responds positively to his handler.

From: Building Blocks for Performance (Give your puppy a head start for competition) written by Bobbie Anderson with Tracy Libby. We highly recommend this book