



Puppy Germany Election Rules

Candidates will earn points from three sources: online voting which will occur in the weeks preceding the election, in-person voting at the election, and jury voting at the election.

- 300 points will be apportioned among the candidates based on the percentage of the total online vote they receive. †
- 300 points will be apportioned among the candidates based on the percentage of the total public in-person vote they receive. Each attendee (excluding the jury, Rheinfetisch Vorstand, and the Puppy Germany Committee) will be allowed one vote. ‡
- 300 points will be apportioned among the candidates based on the percentage of the jury score they receive (sum of scores given to individual candidate / sum of all scores given to all candidates). Each jury member will score each candidate on a scale of 1 to 5. No member of the Rheinfetisch Vorstand nor the Puppy Germany Committee may be on the jury.

The Puppy Germany results will be determined as follows:

- The online, public in-person, and jury points will be added for each candidate.
- The candidate with the most points wins the title of Puppy Germany.

The winner of a tie will be decided by the candidate with the higher in-person public vote points. If there remains a tie in these points, the tie will be decided by the candidate with the higher online vote points.

Example:

Jury scoring with jury members A, B, C, D and Candidates 1, 2, 3

	Jury	A	B	C	D	Total Jury Score
Candidate 1		5	4	2	1	12
Candidate 2		1	3	5	5	14
Candidate 3		3	2	2	1	8

Point Calculation

	Online			In-Person			Jury			Total
	Votes	%	Points	Votes	%	Points	Score	%	Points	Points
Candidate 1	132	30.0%	90	22	32.8%	99	12	35.3%	106	294
Candidate 2	98	22.3%	67	26	38.8%	116	14	41.2%	124	307
Candidate 3	210	47.7%	143	19	28.4%	85	8	23.5%	71	299
	440	100.0%	300	67	100.0%	300	34	100.0%	300	900

† **Special circumstances regarding the online vote:** If a candidate drops out of the race before or after online voting closes, votes for the candidate that dropped out will be excluded and all 300 online points will be apportioned among the remaining candidates based on their online vote percentage. If a candidate drops out of the race before online voting closes, voters who had voted for that candidate will be allowed to re-cast their vote for a remaining candidate.

‡ **Special circumstances regarding cancellation of public in-person voting:** If, due to COVID-19 restrictions, no public in-person voting is possible, no in-person points will be awarded. The election results will be calculated based on the online and Jury points alone (600 points total: 300 online, 300 jury).