

# **BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**



**POLICIES**

**AND**

**PROCEDURES**

**MANUAL**

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# CONSTITUTION

## Article 1

**Section 1 – Name: The name of the club shall be BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

### **Section 2 – Objects of the Club**

- A. To promote the breeding and exhibiting of healthy, intelligent, pure-bred Bull Terriers that will conform to the physical characteristics set forth in the official standard of the Bull Terrier Club of America and approved by the American Kennel Club.
- B. To encourage members and breeders to respect the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard by which the Bull Terrier shall be judged.
- C. To encourage the formation of local clubs devoted to the Bull Terrier and to cooperate with them for the benefit of the breed.
- D. To promote friendship and cooperation among breeders and exhibitors of Bull Terriers and to encourage and assist them in every way for the benefit of the breed.
- E. To promote the general welfare of the breed and to actively oppose cruel and inhumane treatment of all Bull Terriers.
- F. To encourage members to uphold and abide by the Code of Ethics and the Standard of Conduct as adopted by the club.
- G. To conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience trials and any other events for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.
- H. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsman-like competition at all events held under AKC Rules and Regulations.

### **Section 3**

The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any members or individual.

### **Section 4**

The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such Bylaws as may be required to carry out these objects.

# BY-LAWS

## Article 1

### Membership

#### Section 1 – Eligibility

- A. Membership shall be open to all persons eighteen years of age or older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this club. There shall be four classes of membership; regular, associate, junior and life.
  
- B. Life membership may be bestowed upon specific individuals who have demonstrated an active involvement and commitment to the breed for a minimum of ten years. Qualification criteria for this status must be for meritorious service in one or more of the following areas: as a breeder or a breed judge or a club administrator or for activity reflecting public credit on the breed through literature, the arts or journalism. Application for Life Member must be made in the form of a petition to the Board signed by five members in good standing and accompanied by the written acceptance of the proposed individual signifying his or her willingness to be a candidate for Life Member status. An application which has received an affirmative vote by the Board shall be presented to the membership at the annual meeting where a favorable vote of seventy-five percent of the members present shall confer Life Member status upon the applicant provided there is a quorum. If at the time of the annual meeting there is not a quorum present, the application may be voted upon by secret ballot at the next Board of Directors meeting. A favorable vote of seventy-five percent of the Board members shall elect such applicant to Life member status.
  
- C. Junior membership shall be open to all persons nine through seventeen years of age who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this club. They shall automatically convert to regular membership at age eighteen.

#### Section 2 – Dues

Dues for the following year shall be set by the Board of Directors not to exceed \$100.00. In any year that the board does not act on or before October 1st, the dues amount shall remain unchanged for the ensuing year. Dues are payable on or before the first day of January of each year. The dues set for associate members shall be less than that set for regular members. If a regular member renews his or her annual dues paying the amount set for associate members that membership shall become an associate membership. To revert to regular membership status will require a new application. Members missing the payment date may reinstate their membership up to thirty days after the deadline by paying their dues. Thereafter, members must reapply as subject to Section 3 – Election to Membership. There shall be no dues for Junior members. Each regular member shall have one vote regardless of whether dues were paid as a single or couple. No regular member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. On or about October first, the Treasurer shall send to each regular and associate member a statement of their dues for the ensuing year.

#### Section 3 – Election to Membership

Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws, Code of Ethics, and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address and telephone number of the applicant and shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. An application for Junior membership must include a parent's



signature of consent, and the endorsement of one BTCA member in good standing, as sponsor. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit an application fee in an amount set by the Board. The application fee shall not exceed \$100. Dues for the year subsequent to the year of approval are due January 1. There shall be no application fee nor dues for Junior members.

Applicant's name shall be posted to the BTCA website not less than 30 days before an upcoming Board meeting. Members may review the list of prospective members and send any appropriate comments regarding prospective members to the Executive Secretary before the Board meeting. At the Board meeting, all applicants who have been posted for at least 30 days, shall be considered for membership by the Board. An affirmative vote of 75% of the Board members shall be required for election to membership. An application which has been rejected may be presented by the applicant's endorser at the next annual meeting of the club and the club may elect such applicant by a favorable vote of seventy-five percent of the members present if there is a quorum. If at the time of the annual meeting there is not a quorum present, the application may be voted upon by secret ballot at the next Board of Directors meeting. A favorable vote of seventy-five percent of the Board members shall elect such applicant. Junior membership applicants shall become Junior members immediately upon receipt of a properly completed application.

#### **Section 4 – Rights of Membership**

A **regular member** in good standing is entitled to all privileges of the club. These privileges include but are not limited to:

- a. the right to vote in all club elections
- b. the right to vote on all matters requiring a plebiscite
- c. the right to be elected or appointed to any club office

An **associate member** in good standing is entitled to all the privileges of the club except:

- a. the right to vote in all club elections or plebiscite (this includes nomination of additional candidates)
- b. the right to be elected or appointed to any club office although may serve on club committees.

A **junior member** in good standing is entitled to all privileges of the club except:

- a. the right to vote in all club elections or plebiscite (this includes nomination of additional candidates)
- b. the right to be elected or appointed to any club office although may serve on club committees
- c. printed copies of Barks. Only electronic copies of Barks will be provided.
- d. do not count in the determination of a meeting quorum.

A **life member** is entitled to all privileges of the club. These privileges include but are not limited to:

- a. the right to vote in all club elections
- b. he right to vote on all matters requiring a plebiscite
- c. the right to be elected or appointed to any club office, with the exception of the right to hold the office of President
- d. permanent exemption from club dues obligation.

#### **Section 5 – Termination of Membership: Membership may be terminated:**

By resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon notice to the Executive Secretary, but no member may resign when in debt to the club. Obligations other than dues are considered a debt to the club and must be paid in full prior to resignation.

- A. By lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such members' dues remain unpaid thirty days (i.e. January 31<sup>st</sup>) after the first day of the fiscal year, (i.e. January 1<sup>st</sup>).
- B. By expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these Bylaws.

## **Article II**

### **Section 1 – Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the club shall be held in September, October, or November in conjunction with the club's Silverwood Competition, if possible, at a place, date, and hour designated by the Board of Directors. The quorum for the annual meeting shall be ten percent of the regular membership in good standing.

### **Section 2 – Regular Meetings**

In addition to the annual meeting, there shall be two regular meetings. They shall be set at a place, date, and time designated by the Board of Directors. The quorum for a regular meeting shall be ten percent of the regular members in good standing.

### **Section 3 – Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the Board, or by the Executive Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by ten members of the club who are in good standing. Such meetings shall be held at such date hour and place as maybe designated by the Board of Directors. The quorum for such a meeting shall be ten percent of the regular membership. Notice of the meeting shall be sent by the Executive Secretary at least 14 days and not more than 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other club business may be transacted.

### **Section 4 – Board Meetings**

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as are designated by the President or by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed or emailed by the Executive Secretary to each member of the Board at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting, except in a meeting in which such notice is waived by all Board members. Participation in a meeting by a Board member shall be deemed to be such a waiver unless the Board member announces that he or she is not waiving notice of the meeting. The quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the Board voting in person or by conference call. The Board shall hold not less than three in person meetings per year.

### **Section 5 – Notice of Club Meetings**

Meeting notices, dues notices, special notices and minutes may be distributed by either email or regular postal service, at the choice of the member. Members wishing notices and minutes by regular postal service need to notify the Executive Secretary. The default option will be distribution by email where an email address has been provided during application or membership renewal. A notice, agreeing to notifications by email, shall be included on the dues renewal form and by signing this notice the member agrees to this form of communication. Such authorization, which is revocable, will also release the Club from any liability should the notification be received late or not received by the member due to circumstances beyond the Club's control. Written or email notice of all meetings shall be sent by the Executive Secretary at least thirty days prior to the meeting. Meeting notices shall be sent by the Secretary in any manner prescribed by the laws of the state in which the club is incorporated to each member at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.

## **Article III**

### **Directors and Officers**

## Section 1 – Board of Directors

The Board shall comprise the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Executive Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Director at Large #1, Director at Large #2, and Director at large #3, all of whom shall be regular members in good standing who are residents of the United States. They shall be elected for two-year terms as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected, or until they reach the term limit prescribed below. The general management of the club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors. The Board may conduct its business by any manner prescribed by the laws of the state in which the club is incorporated.

- A. Meetings – are defined as gatherings where attendees see and/or hear each other. This includes meeting (in person) “physically” in the same room or conducting a meeting by video conference or teleconference.
- B. Business (voting) – can be conducted in any manner prescribed by the laws of the state in which the club is incorporated. In order for business to be conducted by **email** the following precautions must be in place:
  - 1) Every Board member must be provided with the means to participate;
  - 2) A procedure must be in place to verify the identity of the individuals participating to ensure that they are the eligible Board members;
  - 3) A mechanism must be in place to verify that the eligible Board members are “listening”.
  - 4) All Board members must agree to participate in this manner.

## Section 2 – Officers

- A. The officers shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Executive Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.  
All officers, except Executive Secretary and Treasurer, and directors at large shall have a term limit of 3 consecutive 2-year terms, except the President. At the conclusion of these terms, the individual must either come off the Board for one term, or succeed immediately to the office of President and then be subject to the term limit of that office. The President shall serve a maximum of two consecutive terms as President.
- B. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in the Constitution and Bylaws. He or she shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- C. The First Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity. He or she may succeed to the office of President.
- D. The Second Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the First Vice President in the case of the First Vice President's death, absence, or incapacity.
- E. The Executive Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and the Board of Directors and all votes taken by mail except as provided in Article IV and Article VII, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club. He or she shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers of their election to office, and keep a roll of the members of the club who are in good standing with their addresses, which shall be sent to the members, not more than once every club year, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these By-laws.
- F. The Corresponding Secretary shall act as club representative in all matters involving correspondence with non-members and nonmember organizations. It shall be the responsibility of the Corresponding Secretary to deal with all queries from the public regarding the breed and club function.

- G. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the club. He or she shall deposit the same in a bank satisfactory to the Board in the name of the club. His or her books shall at all times be open to inspection by the Board and he or she shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the club and at the first club meeting of the year he or she will render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. He or she shall also chair a trust fund committee appointed by the Board for the purpose of coordinating club activity and monies bequeathed to the Bull Terrier Club of America. At the first club meeting of the year, he or she will render an account of all trust assets and activities. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount, as the Board shall determine.
- H. The Delegate to the American Kennel Club is the official representative of the Bull Terrier Club of America to the American Kennel Club. As such, he or she shall reflect the policies of the club when voting at American Kennel Club meetings. In the event that no policy has been established on a matter, the Delegate shall vote in accordance with the purpose of the club as set forth in the Constitution. The Delegate shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and is a non-voting member of the Board. The Delegate's term shall be for two years wherein the Board may reappoint the Delegate for an unlimited number of terms.

### **Section 3 – Vacancies**

Any vacancies occurring among the officers during the year shall be filled by the unexpired term of office by a majority vote of the then member of the Board, except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the First Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of First Vice President shall be filled automatically by the Second Vice President. The resulting vacancy in the office of Second Vice President shall be filled by the Board. Filling an unexpired term shall not be considered a term of office for any officer or director.

## **Article IV**

### **Club Year, Voting, Nominations and Elections**

#### **Section 1 – Club Year**

The club's official and fiscal year shall begin on January first and end on the thirty-first day of December. Those officers and directors who are elected, shall take office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and each retiring officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

#### **Section 2 – Voting**

- A. The election of officers, directors, amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, the standard of the breed and any major changes in the club policies must be written on a ballot to the entire regular membership and cast either by mail, or by electronic balloting in accordance with the AKC's procedure on electronic balloting for AKC Parent Clubs and in accordance with the Title 4B of The Tennessee Nonprofit Corporations Act.
- B. The Board of Directors may decide to submit specific questions to the entire regular membership for decision by written ballot cast either by mail, or by electronic balloting in accordance with the AKC's procedure on electronic balloting for AKC Parent Clubs and in accordance with the Title 4B of The Tennessee Nonprofit Corporations Act.
- C. The regular members present at a regular meeting may decide by vote to submit specific questions to the entire regular membership for decision by written ballot cast either by mail, or by electronic balloting in accordance with the AKC's procedure on electronic balloting for AKC Parent Clubs and in accordance with the Title 4B of The Tennessee Nonprofit Corporations Act.

- D. If the board of Directors decides to conduct an electronic vote, the executive secretary must provide in writing the option to vote by electronic or written ballot. The member's selection must be kept on file and may be changed at any time by the member.

### **Section 3 – Elections**

The election of officers and directors shall be held every other year. The term of office shall be two years. The Board of Directors shall designate an administrator and an election agent to conduct any club elections. It shall designate an independent professional firm as election agent for the election of officers and directors. The administrator will provide the election agent the membership list, ballots, and all materials necessary to conduct the election. For all other types of club elections, the Board of Directors shall designate an election agent who may be an officer, director, member, non-member or a public accounting firm. The election shall be conducted by secret written or electronic ballot. The election agent shall keep secret the results of the election and shall deliver them in a sealed envelope to the Executive Secretary no later than October 1 of the year of the election. The election agent shall retain possession of, and keep available for inspection, all cast ballots and the records of the election for sixty days after the annual meeting or longer if so directed by the Board. After the results are announced, any candidate may, at his or her own cost, inspect the ballots and the election results.

Such inspections shall not reveal the identity of any member's ballot. The persons receiving the largest number of votes for each position shall be declared elected. In the case of the Directors at Large, the three persons getting the highest numbers of votes shall fill the three positions. In case of a tie, the winner shall be determined by the toss of a coin, at the annual meeting. If any nominee, at the time of the election is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and if a vacancy is thus created, it shall be filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided by Article III, Section 3.

### **Section 4 – Nominations and Ballots**

- A. No later than April 1 of the year in which an election is to be held, the Board of Directors shall choose from different areas of the United States a Nominating Committee of three and two alternates, all regular members in good standing, one of whom shall be named chairman. Any vacancy on this committee during the tenure of office shall be filled by the Board and no officer or director may be a member of this committee.
- B. The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the club one candidate for each office and shall procure the acceptance in writing of each nominee so chosen. A member of the Nominating Committee shall not be eligible to be a nominee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by FAX, mail, email, or telephone; however, the written recommendations of the Nominating Committee must be submitted by mail or email to the Executive Secretary by the committee chairman no later than June 1. The Executive Secretary shall mail or email the list to each regular member of the club on or before June 15 so that additional nominations may be made by the regular members if they so desire.
- C. Additional nominations of eligible members may be made only by written petition addressed to the Executive Secretary at his or her regular address on or before July 15 signed by five BTCA regular members in good standing and accompanied by the signed, written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his or her willingness to be a candidate. The petition and acceptance must be actual signatures; fax or photocopied signatures are unacceptable. The petition and acceptance may not be deliverable by fax or any other electronic duplicating communication device. No person shall be a candidate for more than one office.
- D. No person may be a candidate for election who has not been nominated in accordance with these Bylaws. Nominations cannot be made in any manner other than as provided above.
- E. If no valid additional nominations for a position are received by the Executive Secretary on or before July 15, the person nominated by the Nominating Committee shall be declared elected on September 30 and no further

election for that position shall be required. Any contested position shall proceed to election by written or electronic ballot.

- F. If any position or positions are contested, only those positions shall proceed to an election by secret written or electronic ballot. In a contested election the Board of Directors shall designate an independent professional firm as an election agent who shall mail or email on or before August 15 to each regular member in good standing a ballot listing, in alphabetical order, all nominees for the contested positions. If sent by mail, it will include a return envelope addressed to the election agent marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the regular member or members to whom it was sent. The election agent shall check the returns against a list of regular members in good standing prior to opening the envelopes or counting the electronic ballots, and shall certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting. Ballots to be valid must be received by the election agent no later than September 15. The results of the balloting shall remain secret until announced by the Executive Secretary when he or she receives them from the election agent. The Executive Secretary shall announce the results of the election no later than October 1 and the elected persons shall take office pursuant to Article IV, Section 1.

## **Article V**

### **Committees**

#### **Section 1**

The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the club. Such committees shall always be subject to the final approval of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board.

#### **Section 2**

The Board, by a majority vote, may terminate a committee appointment or dissolve a committee upon written or email notice to the appointees. The Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated. Terminating or retiring committee persons shall turn over to the committee or to the Board all properties and records relating to their committee assignment within thirty days after leaving that office.

## **Article VI**

### **Discipline**

#### **Section 1 – American Kennel Club Suspension**

Any member who is suspended from any of the privileges of The American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from privileges of this club for a like period.

#### **Section 2 – Charges**

Any member may prefer charges against another member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Executive Secretary with a deposit of \$100 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board or a committee following a hearing. The Executive Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club or breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club or breed, it may refuse to entertain

jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charge, it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board or a committee of not less than three members of the Board, not less than three weeks nor more than twelve weeks thereafter. The Executive Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his or her own defense and bring witnesses if he or she wishes.

#### **Section 3 – Board Hearing**

The Board or committee shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant will be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charge be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board or committee may, by a majority vote of those present, reprimand the defendant, or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing, or until the next annual meeting, if that will occur after six months, and if it seems that this punishment is insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his or her fellow members at the ensuing club meeting which considers the recommendation of the Board or the committee. Immediately after the Board or the committee has reached a decision, its finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Executive Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

#### **Section 4 – Expulsion**

Expulsion of a member from the club may be accomplished only at the Annual Meeting of the club following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board, or Board committee, as provided in Section 3 of the Article. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf. The members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the suspension shall stand.

#### **Section 5 – Disqualification**

Any member of the Board of Directors directly involved in disciplinary charges as either complainant or defendant shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in the case in any role other than as a witness.

### **Article VII**

#### **Amendments**

##### **Section 1 – Proposing Amendments**

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and to the standard of the breed may be proposed by the Board or by a majority vote of the regular members present at any regular meeting. Amendments proposed by such a majority vote shall be considered by a committee selected by the Board of Directors. Such committee shall provide interim reports on the status of the proposed amendment to the Board until the proposal is finalized. If the Board approved the proposed amendment as submitted by the committee, it shall be promptly submitted to the regular membership by the Executive Secretary for a vote as provided in Article VII, Section 2. Amendments may also be proposed by written petition addressed to the Executive Secretary signed by 20% of the regular membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Executive Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Executive Secretary.

## **Section 2 –Amendment Procedure**

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any time (or The Standard for the Breed in accordance with AKC policies) provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed or emailed or sent by electronic balloting in accordance with the AKC's procedure on electronic balloting for AKC Parent Clubs and in accordance with the Title 4B of The Tennessee Nonprofit Corporations Actor by the Executive Secretary or an election agent appointed by the Board to each regular member in good standing on the date of the mailing accompanied by a ballot on which a choice for or against the action to be taken shall be indicated. Proposed amendments to the standard for the breed must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the board by the Secretary for a vote following the procedures established by the AKC Board of Directors. The amendment proposal notice shall also specify a date not less than thirty days after the date of mailing by which date the ballots must be returned to the election agent to be counted. To insure a fair and accurate ballot, the election agent shall utilize the same balloting procedures provided for in Article IV, Section 4F.

The election agent shall keep secret the results of the balloting and shall deliver them in a sealed envelope to the presiding officer at the next regular meeting following the balloting. After the results are announced, any regular member, at his or her own expense, may inspect the ballots and the election results. Such inspection shall not reveal the identity of any member's ballot. The favorable vote of two-thirds of the regular members in good standing who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to affect any amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws. A favorable vote of three-quarters of regular members who are in good standing and who return valid ballots within the time limits shall be required to affect any amendment to the breed standard.

## **Section 3 – Approval by the American Kennel Club**

No amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws or to the breed standard that is adopted by the club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

## **Article VIII**

### **Dissolution**

The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than three-quarters of the regular members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the club, other than for purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the club shall be distributed to any members of the club, but after payment of the debts of the club, its property and assets shall be given to charitable organization selected.

## **Article IX**

### **Order of Business**

#### **Section 1 – Club Meetings**

At meetings of the club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting shall permit, shall be as follows:



Roll Call  
Minutes of Last Meeting  
Report of the President  
Report of the Executive Secretary  
Report of the Corresponding Secretary  
Report of the Treasurer  
Report of the Committees  
Election announcements when applicable  
Election of New Members  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Adjournment

## **Section 2 – Board Meetings**

At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting  
Reports of Officers  
Reports of Committees  
Unfinished Business  
Election of New Members  
New Business  
Adjournment

## **Article X**

### **Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the parliamentary procedure of the club when not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of this club.

Amended BTCA: October, 1994  
Approved AKC: November, 1994  
Amended BTCA: June, 2002  
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Amended BTCA: October, 2008 Approved AKC: January 12, 2009  
Approved AKC: October 13, 2020

## BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. CODE OF ETHICS

**Ethical Statements** - *BTCA members should always act ethically in their actions with their dogs, fellow fanciers, the public, puppy buyers and co-owners. The BTCA expects that all members:*

- Will keep the integrity and welfare of the breed as their first and foremost concern.
- Will not in any way misrepresent, mislead or be fraudulent.
- Will never place monetary gain over the welfare of Bull Terriers that are bred and sold.
- Will advertise honestly.
- Will be open to discussing existing and potential defects in stock with all persons interested in the health and welfare of my Bull Terriers.
- Will willingly mentor newcomers to the breed.

**Recommendations to Owners**– *The following are examples of, but not limited to, recommended ethical behavior of good owners. Ethical owners will:*

- Appreciate the unique nature of the Bull Terrier and will provide responsible care at all times.
- Maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and care.
- Take all practical precautions to ensure that a dog does not escape or is not stolen and will communicate this to puppy buyers.

**Recommendations to Breeders** – *Breeders have a substantial obligation to buyers, to the public, to the animals used in a breeding program, and to the animals produced from those breedings. It should be recognized that these obligations are profound and choices made in breeding can affect the future of the breed as a whole. The following are examples of, but not limited to, recommended ethical behavior of good breeders. Ethical practices include:*

1. Being knowledgeable of available anecdotal and scientific information when breeding dogs, including education and recommendations by the BTCA Board of Directors.
2. Selling or placing Bull Terriers only when confident that the buyer will provide responsible and humane care. This can be accomplished by means which include:
3. Inspecting each new home's facilities – either personally or a local representative. Homes should have adequate availability of exercise which may include a fenced yard, other secure enclosure, or availability of other frequent exercise means. Potential owners should be prepared to provide age-appropriate care throughout the day.
4. Sellers checking references, especially local veterinarians. Others to check could include neighbors and co-workers, or family members outside the home.
5. Strongly encouraging new owners to enroll in socialization or puppy kindergarten classes. Providing a written contract of sale which outlines the expectations of both buyer and breeder. The BTCA strongly recommends that the contract include provisions in the following areas:
6. AKC Registration – Puppies not to be used in a breeding program should be sold on Limited Registration. This is reversible at the breeder's option. Buyers, of puppies sold as potential breeding stock, should be strongly encouraged by the Breeder to become members of the BTCA.
7. Health Warranty – Warranty term and specific conditions under which the Buyer may receive consideration should be outlined in the contract. The BTCA recommends a two-year term.
8. Code of Ethics – Review the BTCA Code of Ethics with each prospective owner. My contract of sale will include a copy of the Code of Ethics.
9. Return/re-homing – The written contract for each puppy that I sell or place will request that the puppy must be returned to me and the terms under which it is returned. I agree that I will be responsible for placing any puppy returned to me into an appropriate home, or if the situation warrants euthanasia. 5. Explaining to prospective owners their obligations regarding Bull Terriers, especially protection from theft or accidental loss. Sellers should follow up with puppy owners and provide consultation when requested or indicated.

10. Tattooing and/or micro-chipping all Bull Terriers before registering, selling, or placing them. Sellers understand that the BTCA recommends DNA profiling of all Bull Terriers. These identifications should be registered with the AKC and any applicable registry. Registration will include the owners' and breeders' contract information.
11. Planning each breeding with the advancement and preservation of the breed as the primary goal.
12. Registering with the OFA when health tested.
13. Not breeding any Bull Terrier that displays unpredictable aggression towards human beings, uncontrollable dominant aggressive behavior to other dogs, or does not demonstrate sound behavior or balanced temperament. Animals with obsessive-compulsive disorders or neurological disorders, such as seizures, spinning, tail chasing, air snapping, shadow or fly chasing, chest or flank sucking, should not be bred.
14. Having litters only when responsible care can be provided in raising the puppies and when responsible homes are available.
15. Considering the health and well-being of the bitch when determining the frequency of breeding.
16. Not breeding a bitch if it would knowingly compromise the health of the bitch, including breeding any bitch prior to the third (3<sup>RD</sup>) season or two years of age. Being honest and forthright to inform other breeders involved in a mating of a bitch to a stud dog of any potential or produced serious genetic problems related to the bitch or the dog.
17. Being responsible for the placement of puppies afflicted with known serious genetic health defects only into non-breeding homes and after full disclosure of the condition, or in euthanizing them if the condition so warrants.
18. Offering a stud dog contract with each breeding delineating the lifetime responsibility of the owner of the brood bitch in the placement and care of the puppies.
19. Acting responsibly toward all puppies produced by one's own bitch or stud dog for the lifetime of the puppies. This includes puppies born to bitches under breeding terms. Responsible involvement would include re-homing the puppy or assisting financially in that re-homing process. The expected financial involvement is up to the original purchase price of the puppy. Members in good standing who have complied with the BTCA Code of Ethics may look to the Club and its resources for support and assistance in re-homing Bull Terriers in need.

**Rules** – *The following defined behaviors are enforceable by the disciplinary provisions of the By-laws of the BTCA. All BTCA members will become familiar with, and abide by, the rules of the AKC.*

1. Act with responsible and courteous behavior, both with fellow members and the public, as a representative of the Bull Terrier breed and the BTCA. This includes having control of my Bull Terrier at all times and cleaning up after my dogs in public places. This also means leaving public places, including hotels, in the same condition in which they were found.
2. Keep accurate records and pedigrees.
3. Not engage in any fight-related activities.
4. Not breed or become party to the breeding of a Bull Terrier for the wholesaling of litters or selling to such places as pet dealers, catalog houses, or other commercial sources of distribution, laboratory facilities or auctions.

## **BTCA CODE OF ETHICS- HEALTH TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS APPENDIX**

**Revised Code of Ethics – 6/29/19**

**Ethical Statements** - *BTCA members should always act ethically in their actions with their dogs, fellow fanciers, the public, puppy buyers and co-owners. (Ethics deals with conduct, not morals. It governs individual and group behavior, emphasizing strong principles, placing high value on honesty, fairness, justice, kindness, dignity and chivalry. It cannot be effectively governed, but can be impressed through community emphasis).*

**Commitment Statement for BTCA members:** –

- I will keep the integrity and welfare of the breed as my first and foremost concern.
- I will not in any way misrepresent, mislead or be fraudulent.
- I will never place monetary gain over the welfare of my Bull Terriers, those that I have bred or sold.
- I will advertise honestly.
- I will be open to discussing existing and potential defects in my stock with those persons interested in the health and welfare of my Bull Terriers.
- I will make myself available to assist/mentor novices and the general public with information concerning Bull Terriers.
- I will conduct myself in the same manner that I would like to be treated.

**Commitment Statement for Owners:**

The following are examples of, but are not limited to, recommended ethical behavior of good owners. As I endeavor to be an ethical Bull Terrier owner:

- I will appreciate the unique nature of the Bull Terrier and I will strive to provide responsible care at all times.
- I will maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and care.
- I will take all practical precautions to ensure that my dog does not escape and is not stolen. Additionally, I will communicate these great concerns of escape and theft to puppy buyers, as well as people who are interested in Bull Terriers in general.
- I will conduct myself with kindness and dignity, whether it be a face-to-face encounter or on a social media setting.

**Recommendations to Breeders** – *Breeders have a substantial obligation to buyers, to the public, to the animals used in a breeding program, and to the animals produced from those breedings. It should be recognized that these obligations are profound and that individual choices made in breeding can affect the future of the breed as a whole. The following are examples of, but not limited to, recommended ethical behavior of good breeders. Ethical practices include: being knowledgeable of and up to date on currently available anecdotal and scientific information relative to breeding dogs, and those specific issues facing Bull Terriers. Education and recommendations by the BTCA Board of Directors and the BTCA Health Committee will continue to be updated and made available.*

**I understand that it is recommended that:**

- I will only breed Bull Terriers that display sound and balanced temperament. I will not breed any Bull Terrier — that displays unpredictable aggression towards humans, or uncontrollable dominant aggressive behavior to other dogs, as well as any other animals. I further will not breed Bull Terriers with obsessive-compulsive disorders or other neurological disorders, such as seizures, spinning, tail chasing, air snapping, shadow or fly chasing, chest or flank sucking.

- I will only have litters when responsible care can be provided in raising the puppies, and when responsible homes are available.
- I will plan each breeding with the advancement and preservation of the breed as my primary goal.
- I will consider the health and well-being of the bitch when determining the frequency of breeding.
- I will not breed a bitch if it would knowingly compromise the health of the bitch. This will include ensuring not breeding any bitch prior to the third (3rd) season or two years of age.
- I will be honest and forthright to inform other breeders, involved in a mating of a bitch to a stud dog, of any potential or produced serious genetic problems related to the bitch or the dog.
- I will be responsible for the placement of puppies afflicted with known serious genetic health defects only into nonbreeding homes and after full disclosure of the condition, or in euthanizing them if the condition so warrants.
- I will offer a stud dog contract with each breeding, outlining the lifetime responsibility of the owner of the brood bitch in the placement and care of the resulting puppies.
- I will act responsibly toward all puppies produced by my own bitch or stud dog for the lifetime of the puppies. This includes puppies born to bitches under breeding terms. Responsible involvement would include re-homing the puppy or assisting in that re-homing process. The expected financial involvement is up to the original contract of sale. Members in good standing who comply with the BTCA Code of Ethics may look to the Club and its resources for support and assistance in re-homing Bull Terriers in need.

**Puppy Placement:** I will sell or place Bull Terriers only when confident that the buyer will provide responsible and humane care. This can be accomplished by means which include:

- Inspection of each puppy's home facilities – either personally or by a local representative. My puppy's home should have adequate availability of exercise which may include a fenced yard, other secure enclosure, or availability of other frequent exercise means. I will ensure that potential owners are prepared to provide age-appropriate care throughout the day.
- I will check references, especially local veterinarians. Other references I may check could include neighbors and co-workers, or family members outside the home.
- I will strongly encourage new owners to enroll in puppy kindergarten and socialization classes and/or manners classes.
- I will provide a written contract of sale which outlines the expectations of both myself as the breeder/seller and the buyer.

**Contracts:** I understand that the BTCA strongly recommends that the contract between breeders/seller and the new owners include provisions in the following areas:

- AKC registration – Puppies not to be used in my breeding program should be sold on Limited Registration. As the breeder, this is a reversible option. I will encourage all buyers of puppies/dogs sold to become BTCA members, as well as their regional BT club.
- Warranty – Warranty terms and specific conditions under which the buyer may receive consideration should be outlined in my contract. The BTCA recommends a minimum one-year term.
- Code of Ethics – I will review the BTCA Code of Ethics with each prospective new owner. My contract of sale should include a copy of the Code of Ethics.
- Return/re-homing – I will be willing to take back or assist in re-homing puppies and/or adult dogs that I have sold/placed because of situations or circumstances that have changed in the life of the buyer. The BTCA suggests a written contract for each puppy that I sell or place requesting that the puppy must be returned to me and the terms under which it is returned. I agree that I will be responsible for placing any dog/puppy returned to me into an appropriate home, or keep that puppy/dog myself. Furthermore, if I am the owner of the sire, I recognize that

I have a shared responsibility in the well-being and safety of any puppies produced by my dog.

- I will explain to prospective owners their obligations regarding Bull Terriers, especially protection from theft or accidental loss. I will follow up with puppy/dog owners and provide consultation when requested or indicated.

- I will tattoo/or microchip all Bull Terriers before registering, selling or placing them. I understand that the BTCA recommends DNA profiling of all Bull Terriers. These identifications should be registered with the AKC and any applicable registry. Registration will include my (the breeder's) and the new owners' contact information.

**Rules** – *The following defined behaviors are enforceable by the disciplinary provisions of the By-laws of the BTCA.*

**And I further understand that as a BTCA member I am required to adhere to these rules:**

- I will become familiar with, and abide by, the rules of the AKC.
- I will act with responsible and courteous behavior, both with fellow members and the public, as a representative of the Bull Terrier breed and the BTCA. This includes having control of my Bull Terrier at all times and cleaning up after my dog(s) in public places. This also means leaving public places, including hotels, in the same condition in which they were found.
- I will keep accurate records and pedigrees.
- I will not engage in any fight-related activities.
- I will not breed or become party to the breeding of a Bull Terrier for the wholesaling of litters or selling to such places as pet dealers, catalog houses, or other commercial sources of distribution, laboratory facilities or auctions.
- I will exhibit good Sportsmanship at all dog-related activities (see AKC Code of Sportsmanship).
- I will not disparage other owners, exhibitors, breeders or their dogs.
- I will only engage in behavior that is in accord with the accepted standards of the BTCA community. As a member of the BTCA community, I will not engage in bullying, harassing or unacceptable (disorderly conduct) behavior toward other person(s) or creature (s). Bullying is defined by repeated inappropriate behavior, direct or indirect, whether verbal, gesture, physical or otherwise conducted by one person or persons against another person or persons. This includes but is not limited to: Cyber-bullying – (using an electronic device or social networking sites to intimidate harass, gossip, demean or harm by emailing, texting, posting or sending messenger photos) is considered prejudicial to good sportsmanship and detrimental to the community at large. I will not communicate in a false or misleading manner by means of electronic devices. I understand this behavior makes the club, as a whole, less desirable. It is harmful to the whole community. I understand that substantiated and proven claims of the above may result in suspension of my club membership. I understand there will be a **Zero-tolerance** policy.

#### **BTCA Code of Ethics- Health Testing Recommendations Appendix**

The following represents a basic minimally responsible approach to the application of screening health tests which should be employed by responsible BTCA breeder members. These recommendations represent the current best understanding of these issues at the time of this current revision. As greater understanding of these issues become available, these guidelines will be revised to reflect the then current recommendation regarding these health issues, including adding specific guidelines and recommendations to the Appendix as the progression of science dictates. It is being both responsible and optimally educated that gets us to our end goal. The breeding of purebred dogs is not an exact science. It is not always possible to prevent the occurrence of inherited diseases, as there are not yet definitive tests to identify carriers of all the genetic diseases in our breed. A breeder's obligation with regard to genetic diseases is to make every effort to prevent their occurrence and share openly and honestly all information available regarding the genetic health status of his/her dogs. While elimination of genetic diseases is a worthy goal, the converse is that excessive culling of animals from the gene pool may have the equally deleterious effect of limiting the gene pool in the breed. Breeders should be cautious about removing animals from the breeding pool solely because they are distantly related to an affected individual. Responsible breeding also should always be intent upon eliminating adverse characteristics – cosmetic, health, or temperament. Testing should be viewed as a means to this goal. Breeders should be able to provide proof that their breeding stock has been checked for hearing, heart, kidney and patella related issues.

Great care and concern should be exercised when breeding animals that have a non-life-threatening genetic problem. The point of the health screening tests is to help identify animals which have both desirable qualities and an undesirable health issue, to allow their qualities to be passed on to offspring and to remove offspring which exhibit the undesirable health issue. By using only the resulting normal offspring, for subsequent breeding, we

attempt to clear the “gene pool” of affected breeding stock in as few generations as possible. This technique is the only tool we have at present.

With this in mind, the BTCA **strongly recommends** the following: Bitches should be health tested before each breeding or at least annually, and annually for each stud dog. Minimally, these tests should include a physical examination, a screening for parasites and evaluation of the following specific areas:

**Heart** – An internist and/or cardiologist should auscultate all breeding animals. Optimally all breeding animals should have a color Doppler/echo cardiogram. All murmurs should be followed by a color Doppler/echocardiogram evaluation.

**Kidney** – A urine sample should be checked for the protein/creatinine ratio. This test is called UPC (Urine Protein Creatinine ratio). All breeding dogs should be checked annually and bitches before each breeding. The recommended UPC should be <0.5. This recommendation is based upon information made available from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine – Urinalysis. Please see <https://www.vet.cornell.edu/...Testing>Testing> Protocols and Interpretations.

“In healthy **dogs**, the **urine protein** to **creatinine ratio** (UP/UC) is usually <0.5. Values between 0.5-1.0 in non-azotemic **dogs** are considered equivocal and continued monitoring for progression is recommended. Values >1.0 in non-azotemic **dogs** are abnormal and diagnostic evaluation is warranted.”

**Hearing** – A BAER (Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response) test should be done on all puppies before the puppy leaves for a new home. This result is usually stable throughout the life of the dog. It is recommended that all animals used for breeding should be BAER tested and have bilateral hearing. No bilaterally deaf dogs should ever be bred.

**Patella** – Checked by palpitation, looking for luxation. Palpations are rated as No Luxation or luxation scored 1- 4 (1 is slight, 4 severe). Preferably, all breeding animals should be free of patella luxation.

**Lethal Acrodermatitis** - It is recommended that both dogs and bitches be screened for LAD. It is a simple cheek swab that can be done by the owner of the bitch or stud dog and submitted to PennGen for results. You can locate the LAD test, registration, order swabs and instructions on where to submit the samples at <https://www.vet.upenn.edu/research/academic-departments/clinical-sciences-advanced-medicine/research-labs-centers/pennngen/pennngen-tests>.

**Immune Mediated Disorders** – Bull Terriers may exhibit low grade (non-life-threatening) immune dysfunction. The best current veterinary advice suggests that this may exhibit itself in primarily two ways. These are  
1) allergy – either food related or environmental allergies (like allergy to grass) and  
2) low-normal thyroid function. Animals who exhibit these traits should only be bred to animals that do not. Consult your local vet if you have questions.

The BTCA will provide a member password protected space on the parent website health pages for members to voluntarily post LAD status, cardiac status, BAER (hearing) status etc. These test results will not be substantiated by the BTCA; therefore, the BOD suggests consulting the breeders/posters for original copies of these tests preceding breeding decisions.

## **BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. STANDARD OF CONDUCT**

### **General**

1. As a BTCA member, I will be responsible to be familiar with the BREED STANDARD and keep the integrity and welfare of the breed as my first and foremost concern.
2. I will appreciate the unique nature of the Bull Terrier and will provide responsible care at all times.
3. I will act with responsible and courteous behavior privately and publicly as a representative of the Bull Terrier breed and the BTCA.

This includes:

- Having control of my Bull Terrier at all times
  - Cleaning up after my dogs in public places
  - Leaving public facilities, including hotels in the same condition in which they were found.
4. I will become familiar with and abide by the rules of the AKC.
  5. I will not in any way misrepresent, mislead or be fraudulent. The appearance of my dog(s) will not be altered in any way that is not accord with AKC regulations. I will keep accurate records and pedigrees.
  6. I will never place monetary gain over the welfare of Bull Terriers that I breed and sell.
  7. I will sell or place Bull Terriers only after I am convinced that the buyer will provide responsible and humane care.
  8. When selling puppies, I will provide a written agreement of sale as a protection for both the buyer and seller. This agreement will assure the well-being and health of each puppy. If the puppy is not to be used for breeding, the limited registration option of the AKC registration certificate should be utilized. This is reversible at the breeder's option.
  9. I will advertise honestly. I will be open to discussing existing and potential defects in my own stock with all persons interested in the health and welfare of my Bull Terriers.
  10. I will maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and care, abiding by state and local laws.
  11. I will not engage in any fight related activities.
  12. I will give and go over a copy of the Standard of Conduct with each new owner. My agreement of sale will include an agreement to abide by the Standard of Conduct.

### **Breeder: Brood Bitch and Stud Dog**

1. I will produce Bull Terrier puppies only to improve the breed and only when responsible care can be provided in raising the puppies and they can be placed in homes also providing responsible care.
2. We recommend not breeding any bitch until she is mature. I will consider the health and well-being of the bitch when determining the frequency of breeding. I will not breed if it knowingly compromises the health of the bitch.
3. I will avoid breeding or being party to the breeding of a Bull Terrier for the wholesaling of litters or selling to such places as pet dealers, catalogue houses, or other commercial sources of distribution or laboratory facilities.
4. I will avoid participating in breedings of Bull Terriers that will knowingly perpetuate any of the following genetic problems: hip dysplasia, zinc metabolism syndrome, luxating patellae, pyloric dysfunction, severe atopy (allergies), entropion (ingrown eyelids) renal disease, deafness, heart disease or any other known genetic defect which can be harmful to the Bull Terrier.
5. It is recommended that prior to breeding, all animals are screened and certified to be free of aforementioned conditions.
6. I will be honest and forthright in informing any breeders interested in using their bitch to my stud of any serious genetic problems either potential or produced in litters sired by the stud dog.
7. I will avoid breeding any Bull Terrier which displays unpredictable aggression towards humans or does not demonstrate sound behavior or balanced temperament.
8. I will encourage tattooing, micro chipping, and DNA profiling of all puppies and adults and the registration of such identification.
9. I will explain to prospective owners their obligations regarding Bull Terriers and will provide consultation upon request.
10. I will act responsibly toward all puppies produced by my bitch or stud dog for the lifetime of the puppies. This includes puppies born to bitches under breeding terms.
11. I will be responsible for the placement of puppies afflicted with genetic defects into non-breeding homes only.



## **NAME, CHARTER, TRADEMARK AND LOGO**

## NAME, CHARTER, TRADEMARK AND LOGO

### NAME

“Bull Terrier Club of America” collective membership trademark, has been approved and registered by the US Patent and Trademark office on March 9, 1993. Registration No. 1,838,299.

“Bull Terrier Club of America and design” collective membership trademark, has been approve and registered by the US Patent and Trademark office on May 31, 1994. Registration No. 1,838,299.

### LOGO



**RESOLVED** that the policy of the club is that the BTCA logo is to be used for BTCA, Inc., official business only. (6-12-92)

### CHARTER

#### BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

The undersigned person under the Tennessee Nonprofit corporation Act adopts the following charter for the above listed corporation:

- 1.The name of the corporation is BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
- 2.The corporation is a mutual benefit corporation.
- 3.The corporation is not a religious corporation.
- 4.(a)The complete address of the corporation's initial registered office in Tennessee is 1806 Crowell Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37215, County of Davidson.  
(b)The name of the initial registered agent, to be located at the address listed in 4(a) is Ralph Bowles.
- 5.The name and complete address of the incorporator is Ralph Bowles I  
1806 Cromwell Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37215.
6. The complete address of the corporation's principal office is: 1806 Cromwell Drive, Nashville, Tennessee, 37215, County of Davidson
- 7.This corporation is a nonprofit corporation.  
This corporation will have members.
- 8.In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the assets of the corporation or any proceeds thereof shall be distributed to any members of the corporation, but after payment of all debts of the corporation, its assets shall be given to the unincorporated Bull Terrier Club of America, or in the alternative, to a charitable organization selected by the board of directors for the benefit of dogs.
- 9.INDEMNIFICATION.

(a) The corporation shall indemnify an individual made a party to a proceeding, because he is or was a director, against liability incurred in the proceeding if: (1) He conducted himself in good faith; and (2) He reasonably believed:

A. In the case of conduct in his official capacity with the corporation, that his conduct was *in* its best interest; and

B. In all other cases, that his conduct was at least not opposed to its best interests; and (3) In the case of any criminal proceeding, he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

10. The termination of a proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent is not, of itself, determinative that the director did not meet the standard of conduct described in this section.

11. The corporation shall not indemnify a director:

a. In connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation in which the director was judged liable to the corporation; or

b. In connection with any other proceeding charging improper personal benefit to him, whether or not involving action in his official capacity, in which he was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by him.

12. The initial board of directors of the corporation shall be as follows:

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August 15,1990 Signature Date

Incorporator's signature RALPH BOWLES Incorporator's Name

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COLLECTIVE MEMBERSHIP PRINCIPAL REGISTER

BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA. INC. (TENNESSEE NON-PROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT CORPORATION  
1806 CROMWELL DRIVE NASHVILLE. TN 37215

FOR: INDICATING MEMBERSHIP IN APPLICANT ORGANIZATION WHICH IS AN ASSOCIATION OF PERSONS  
DEDICATED TO THE WELFARE AND PROMOTION OF PUREBRED BULL TERRIER DOGS. IN CLASS 200 U.S.  
CL. 200).

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**COLLECTIVE MEMBERSHIP PRINCIPAL REGISTER BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA**

BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA. INC. (TENNESSEE NON-PROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT CCORPORATION)  
1806 CROMWELL DRIVE NASHVILLE. TN 37215

FOR: INDICATING MEMBERSHIP IN APPLICANT ORGANIZATION WHICH IS AN ASSOCIATION OF PERSONS  
DEDICATED TO THE WELFARE AND PROMOTION OF PUREBRED BULL TERRIER DOGS, IN CLASS 200 (U.S.  
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TO:

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BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

RE: BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. CHARTER - NONPROFIT

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CONGRATULATIONS UPON THE INCORPORATION OF THE ABOVE ENTITY IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.  
THE CHARTER DOCUMENT IS ENCLOSED AND IS EFFECTIVE AS INDICATED ABOVE.  
PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS DOCUMENT MUST ALSO BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
REGISTER OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY WHEREIN A CORPORATION HAS ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE IF SUCH  
PRINCIPAL OFFICE IS IN TENNESSEE.

A CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT MUST BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE FOURTH MONTH FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE  
CORPORATION'S FISCAL YEAR (EFFECTIVE JULY .1. 1990). ONCE THE FISCAL YEAR HAS BEEN  
ESTABLISHED, PLEASE PROVIDE THIS OFFICE WITH  
WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF THAT DETERMINATION. THIS OFFICE WILL MAIL  
THE REPORT DURING THE LAST MONTH OF SAID FISCAL YEAR TO THE CORPORATION AT THE ADDRESS OF  
ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR TO A MAILING ADDRESS PROVIDED TO THIS OFFICE IN WRITING. FAILURE TO FILE  
THIS REPORT OR TO MAINTAIN A REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE WILL SUBJECT THE CORPORATION  
TO ADMINISTRATIVE DISSOLUTION.  
WHEN CORRESPONDING WITH THIS OFFICE OR SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS FOR FILING. PLEASE REFER TO THE  
CORPORATION CONTROL NUMBER GIVEN ABOVE.

## **ELECTIONS**

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### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**No later than April 1 of the year in which an election is to be held, the Board of Directors shall choose from different areas of the United States a Nominating Committee of three and two alternates, all regular members in good standing, one of whom shall be named chairman. Any vacancy on this committee during the tenure of office shall be filled by the Board and no officer or director may be a member of this committee.**

- The Board of Directors will meet at the beginning of March every other (ELECTION YEAR) year to appoint a Nominating Committee.
- This should be an in person or electronic video meeting and the Nominating Committee shall be in place by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**
- The meeting shall be held in Executive Session.
- Members of the board are to submit names of three BTCA members in good standing from separate areas of the country.
- Individuals and household members planning on running for the Board in the upcoming election are not eligible to be on the committee.
- The lists of potential candidates should be submitted anonymously so that it is not known who selected the individuals.
- The Board will vote on the candidates for the committee. The three (3) highest vote getters will be on the committee. The next two highest vote getters will be assigned as First Alternate and Second Alternate and will fill any declined positions on the committee first. If necessary, the board will select from the remaining top 5 vote getters to fill any additional declined spots on the committee. After that the board will reconvene to select additional candidates.
- The Board will appoint the chair of the committee.

### ELECTION PROCESS

The election of officers and directors shall be held every other year. The term of office shall be two years. The Board of Directors shall designate an administrator and an election agent to conduct any club elections. It shall designate an independent professional firm as election agent for the election of officers and directors. The administrator will provide the election agent the membership list, ballots, and all materials necessary to conduct the election. The election shall be conducted by electronic ballot. The election agent shall keep secret the results of the election and shall deliver them in a sealed envelope to the Executive Secretary no later than October 1 of the year of the election. The election agent shall retain possession of, and keep available for inspection, all cast ballots and the records of the election for sixty days after the annual meeting or longer if directed by the Board. After the results are announced, any candidate may, at his or her own cost, inspect the ballots and the election results.

Such inspections shall not reveal the identity of any member's ballot. The persons receiving the largest number of votes for each position shall be declared elected. In the case of the Directors at Large, the three persons getting the highest numbers of votes shall fill the three positions. In case of a tie, the winner shall be determined by the toss of a coin, at the annual meeting. If any nominee, at the time of the election is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and if a vacancy is thus created, it shall be filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided by Article III, Section 3 **Nominations and Ballots**

The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the club one candidate for each office and shall procure the acceptance in writing of each nominee so chosen.

A member of the Nominating Committee shall not be eligible to be a nominee.

The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by Zoom, mail, email, or telephone; however, the written recommendations of the Nominating Committee must be submitted by mail or email to the Executive Secretary by the committee chairman no later than June 1. The Executive Secretary shall mail or email the list to each regular member of the club on or before June 15 so that additional nominations may be made by the regular members if they so desire.

Additional nominations of eligible members may be made only by written petition addressed to the Executive Secretary at his or her regular address on or before July 15 signed by five BTCA regular members in good standing and accompanied by the signed, written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his or her willingness to be a candidate. The petition and acceptance must be actual signatures; fax or photocopied signatures are unacceptable. The petition and acceptance may not be deliverable by fax or any other electronic duplicating communication device. No person shall be a candidate for more than one office.

No person may be a candidate for election who has not been nominated in accordance with the Bylaws. Nominations cannot be made in any manner other than as provided above.

If no valid additional nominations for a position are received by the Executive Secretary on or before July 15, the person nominated by the Nominating Committee shall be declared elected on September 30 and no further election for that position shall be required. Any contested position shall proceed to election by written or electronic ballot.

If any position or positions are contested, only those positions shall proceed to an election by secret written or electronic ballot. In a contested election the Board of Directors shall designate an independent professional firm as an election agent who shall mail or email on or before August 15 to each regular member in good standing a ballot listing, in alphabetical order, all nominees for the contested positions. If sent by mail, it will include a return envelope addressed to the election agent marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the regular member or members to whom it was sent.

In the event of a contested election, we (Board of Directors) designate the Treasurer as the election agent to secure an on-line firm with cost. If the Treasurer is in a contested position, then the Board will choose a different Election Agent. Then the Executive Secretary will send an electronic (e-mail) ballot for Board approval of the election agent.

### **CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY LETTERS**

In the event of a contested office or Board position in the election of the Board of Officers, candidates for the contested position are requested to submit a biographical letter to be placed on the BTCA website. These letters are to aid the membership in choosing the candidate they believe is best qualified for the position. The following guidelines are to be utilized.

1. The candidate biographs must not be more than 500 words in length.
2. The letters should contain personal contact information for the candidate.
3. The letters should include the candidate's qualifications for the position. Electronic addresses for BTCA committees may not be used.
4. The letters must be limited to pertinent biographical material and material relevant to the position.
5. Letters should not contain reference to whether the candidate was selected by the Nominating Committee or nominated by petition.
6. The candidate's letter must be submitted to the election agent no later than **August 1st**. Should August 1st fall on a weekend the letter must be received by the election agent no later than the Monday following.



7. The candidates in a contested election are allowed to utilize the electronic membership list for emailing in addition to be able to create mailing label.. This list is shared with the understanding that it is only to be used for election purposes during the election period.

***Unauthorized use of the mailing list can result in disciplinary action.***

#### **ELECTION INSTRUCTIONS**

Written instructions shall be provided to any electronic voting firm utilized by the BTCA for club elections, setting out specific voting policy and procedures. (10-23-93)

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETINGS**

**MINUTES**

**POLICY REGARDING OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS**

**PURCHASE POLICY**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The officers shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Executive Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

All officers and directors at large shall have a term limit of 3 consecutive 2-year terms, except the President. At the conclusion of these terms, the individual must either come off the Board for one term, or succeed immediately to the office of President and then be subject to the term limit of that office. The President shall serve a maximum of two consecutive terms as President.

### **Duties Performed By Each Member of The Board of Directors**

#### **The President:**

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in the Constitution and Bylaws. He or she shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors. Other than what is covered in the by-laws the president;
2. Must be knowledgeable of the bylaws.
3. Keeps in contact with committees and makes sure they follow through with their duties.
4. Works with the Executive Secretary to prepare agendas for Board and Membership meetings.
5. Maintains order and progression of meetings.
6. Must be knowledgeable of RRO.
7. Reviews meeting minutes prior to the ES sending them out.
8. Is an additional signer on the bank account and must sign checks over \$200 along with the Treasurer.
9. Receives bank statements and reviews them for any concerns.
10. Is the authorized person to have bronze trophies made by the foundry. Each president at the end of his/her term will notify the foundry of the incoming president and turn the authorization over to them. The current foundry is Heritage Bronze, 14407 Main St, Hesperia CA, 92345 - phone 760-244-5316
11. Presides at the Silverwood Banquet announcing the judges and any speakers.
12. Is authorized to approve expenditures up to \$200 without Board approval.
13. Is an additional signer on the bank account and must sign checks over \$1500.00 along with the Treasurer
14. Is an administrator for the BTCA Bulletin Board on Facebook. Must know the policies.
15. Must answer correspondence from members.
16. Must be available to all members and board members.
17. Must get or have the Special Awards chair get the gifts/plaques for outgoing board and committee members.
18. Sends out the Isis Vabo invitations by September 1st each year

#### **The First Vice President:**

1. Shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity.
2. This position will be assigned a group of regional clubs to serve as a liaison to those club. He or she will contact their assigned regional clubs at least 2 times a year to ask if the club has questions, concerns, or needs from the BTCA.
3. Must answer correspondence from members.

#### **The Second Vice President:**

Shall have the duties and exercise of the First Vice President in the case of the First Vice President's death, absence, or incapacity.

2. This position will be assigned a group of regional clubs to serve as a liaison to those club. He or she will contact their assigned regional clubs at least 2 times a year to ask if the club has questions, concerns, or needs from the BTCA.
3. Must answer correspondence from members.

**The Executive Secretary:**

Shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and the Board of Directors and all votes taken by mail except as provided in Article IV and Article VII, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club. He or she shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers of their election to office, and keep a roll of the members of the club with addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these Constitution and By-laws.

**Additional responsibilities:**

1. Send notices for General Membership meeting at least 30 days prior to the meetings and 14 days prior to Board meetings.
2. Prepare agendas for all BOD meetings General Membership meetings. Agendas should be sent to BOD approximately a week prior to meetings so the BOD members have an opportunity to review all reports and the agenda prior to the meeting.
3. Arrange for meeting rooms with hosting club for General Membership meetings and for the Annual General Membership meeting.
4. Record Board Meetings and General Membership meetings. Minutes must be taped and the tapes retained in case of future need to reference.
5. Record attendance at meetings.
6. Prepare Meeting Highlights and send to Board for any corrections. When approved, send to membership no later than 60 days after meetings. Board meeting minutes need to be sent to the Board 10 days prior to the next Board meeting for corrections.
7. Transcribe minutes of meetings in established format and send draft to all Board members.
8. Once BOD reviews minutes, prepare minutes for reproduction and distribution to membership. The minutes are to be sent with BARKS mailings or electronic copies are sent to the membership opting for email notification and should include the Treasurer's report, current applicants and contact information changes. The email copies can be sent as soon as BOD reviews and any corrections have been made. (Minutes are not sent to applicants.)
9. Prepare annual membership list to be uploaded on Members Only section of BTCA Website. Only names, email addresses, phone numbers and State of residence are to be posted on website (no physical addresses are to be posted.)
10. Maintain the membership list. Update contact information as received.
11. Build and maintain electronic mailing list for members.
12. Update BTCA letterhead to include new officers.
13. Update Board Directory with new committee chairs, contact information and committee members. Provide that information to the webmaster.
14. Send e-mail blasts to members and applicants with electronic mailing option.
15. Send mailings to membership as directed by the Board.
16. Process membership applications. All applications must have sponsor signatures and signed Standard of Conduct. If missing, must be returned until completed. Copy the application (page 1 only) with the payment and send the copy and payment to Treasurer. Monthly provide names of pending members to the Webmaster to upload as the first reading on the BTCA website per the Bylaws.
17. Advise all concerned parties that their membership has been processed and accepted, once they have been voted to membership. This includes the new members chair, Barks editor, Record editor and Bulletin Board administrators.

18. Notify via email any committee chairs, Regional Show Chairs or members of the outcome of any votes taken that impact them directly.
19. Update Policies and Procedures manual as policies are changed or amended. This should be done at the conclusion of any Board meetings where policies were changed or amended.
20. Election years: Follow guidelines for elections in the Policies and Procedure manual (Blue Book).
21. Maintain all communications with the membership, including responding to questions, inquiries and adding items requested to meeting agendas.
22. Must answer correspondence from members.

**The Corresponding Secretary:**

1. Shall act as club representative in all matters involving correspondence with non-members and non-member organizations.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the Corresponding Secretary to deal with all queries from the public regarding the breed and club function.
3. Important communications will be included in the Corresponding Secretary's report at BOD meetings.
4. The Corresponding Secretary will communicate with the AKC, to include updating BTCA positions as they change (after election or for positions such as AKC delegate)
5. The Corresponding Secretary is also responsible for maintaining, storage, securing transportation and sales of BTCA merchandise.
6. Must answer correspondence from members.

**The Treasurer:**

Shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the club. He or she shall deposit the same in a bank satisfactory to the Board in the name of the club.

His or her books shall at all times be open to inspection by the Board and he or she shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the club and at the first club meeting of the year he or she will render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year.

He or she shall also chair a trust fund committee appointed by the Board for the purpose of coordinating club activity and monies bequeathed to the Bull Terrier Club of America. At the first club meeting of the year he or she will render an account of all trust assets and activities.

The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount, as the Board shall determine.

Additional Responsibilities include:

1. Update the trade mark registrations every 10 years. The name Bull Terrier Club of America is due again in March of 2033 and the Logo is due again in May of 2024.
2. Send in to AKC for the Parent Club Medallions for the National Show in Florida every December. Payment is due by September 1st to be included in the premium.
3. Must answer correspondence from members.

**The Member at Large** is to serve as representation for the general membership, and on committees when appointed.

1. This position will be assigned a group of regional clubs to serve as a liaison to those club. He or she will contact their assigned regional clubs at least 2 times a year to ask if the club has questions, concerns, or needs from the BTCA.
2. Must answer correspondence from members.

**The AKC Delegate** to the American Kennel Club is the official representative of the Bull Terrier Club of America to the American Kennel Club. As such, he or she shall reflect the policies of the club when voting at American Kennel

Club meetings. In the event no policy has been established on a matter, the Delegate shall vote in accordance with the purpose of the club as set forth in the Constitution.

- The AKC delegate is a non-voting board member and should attend all BTCA club and board meetings in order to be up on current policies and happenings with the board. When requested they should give their opinions and thoughts on matters at hand.
- \*The AKC delegate is expected to attend as many AKC delegate meetings as possible (Both zoom meetings and in person meetings).
- They are to vote on any AKC issues as directed by the BTCA BOD

## MEETINGS

### PROCEDURE FOR REGULAR MEETINGS

In addition to the annual meeting, there shall be two regular meetings. They shall be set at a place, date, and time designated by the Board of Directors. The quorum for a regular meeting shall be ten percent of the regular members in good standing.

All non-unanimous Board of Director resolution votes will use roll call voting method.

### AGENDA PROCEDURES:

The following outline will be used for Board of Director meetings as well as General Membership Meetings.

### BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **1. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Board convenes
- B. Call to order by Chairman
- C. Approval of minutes of last meeting
- 1. Board of Directors meeting**
- D. Officers Reports
  - 1. President
  - 2. Executive Secretary
  - 3. Corresponding Secretary
  - 4. Treasurer
  - 5. AKC Delegate
- E. Committee Reports: The Board will accept committee reports as submitted by committee chairs. Committee reports that have items that require Board approval or have action items would be acted/voted on individually during the Board meeting.
  - 1. Show Chairperson
  - 2. Judges Selection
  - 3. Special Awards
  - 4. Trophy
  - 5. BARKS Editor
  - 6. RECORD Editor
  - 7. Publications Advisory
  - 8. Health
  - 9. Education
  - 10. Obedience
  - 11. Fund Raising
  - 12. Legislation and Public Relations (PEC)
  - 13. New Member Liaison
  - 14. Regional Club Liaison
  - 15. Welfare Foundation Liaison
  - 16. Centennial Commission
  - 17. Rescue Support Committee

## **2. SPECIAL STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

Approve for the following year any shows submitted to Regional Show Chair: (Board Meetings Only)

- Shows – Either January-June or July thru December
- Judges – Either January -June or July thru December
- Doble Awards – July thru December
- Judges for Montgomery County, Silverwood & National Specialty

### **Special Standing Agenda items for newly elected BOD every two years or first BOD meeting after election**

#### **1. National/Silverwood Show Chairperson(s) (coordinates show events)**

2. BTCA Event Planning Chairperson to solicit Silverwood Weekend proposals and or support regional clubs for future years.

3. BOD will confirm that there are Silverwood proposals for upcoming years and solicit if there are not. If there is no proposal offered two years in advance the BOD will pursue hosting the show weekend. If necessary, the BTCA Event Planning Chairperson will form a committee to begin planning.

4. Trophy Chairperson

5. BARKS Editor

6. RECORD Editor

7. New members to Judges Selection Committee

8. Select committee for Bar Sinister

9. Nominating Committee (every two years in March)

**Suggested Timeline for Agenda Items/Business** (items can be designated to more frequent BOD work sessions but should be completed in each quarter and reviewed at membership meetings)

#### **First Quarter (Calendar Year)**

1. Approve for the following year:

2. During election years (every other year), Select nominating committee by March 3

3. BTCA Show Request Schedule

4. Clubs Due by Feb 20 to the Regional Show Chair (The Year Prior)

- Orange Coast BTC
- BTC of Tampa Bay
- BTC of Central Arizona Buckeye BTC
- BTC of St. Louis
- Central New Jersey BTC
- BTC of Dallas
- Barbary Coast BTC
- BTC of the Southeast Hatboro Dog Club: Central New Jersey BTC
- BTC of Philadelphia Devon Dog Show: BTC of Philadelphia
- BT Fanciers Association (CAN)
- Fort Dearborn BTC/ Illiana BT Fanciers (Combined Show)
- BTC of New England
- Golden State BTC
- Golden Triangle BTC

#### **Second Quarter (Calendar Year)**

1. Progress report on this year's Silverwood

2. Nominating Committee submits report/slate to the Executive Secretary (by June 1)

3. BTCA Show Request Schedule

4. Clubs Due by May 20 to the Regional Show Chair (The Year Prior)

- Texas Gulf Coast BTC
- BTC of Canada



- Buckeye BTC
- Barbary Coast (Santa Barbara)
- BTC of Niagara Frontier
- BTC of Dallas
- Mile High BTC
- BTC of Metro Detroit
- BTC of the Southeast
- Hatboro Dog Club: Central New Jersey BTC
- Devon Dog Show: BTC of Philadelphia
- Montgomery County KC, Alternates between: BTC of Philadelphia & Central New Jersey BTC

**Third Quarter (Calendar Year)**

1. Approve for the following year:
  - a. Shows – January thru June
  - b. Judges – January thru June
  - c. Doble Awards/Brummagem Awards – January thru June
2. Select Silverwood site for the following year.

**EMAIL VOTING**

The Board may conduct its business by email when there is an issue that needs to be resolved prior to the next scheduled meeting. (i.e. judge change, schedule a special meeting)

- 1) Every Board member must be available and agree to participate.
- 2) The email used for voting must be each board member’s recognized BTCA business email account. This is the email that is used by the Executive Secretary for the purpose of sending and receiving official communications.
- 3) The email voting option is only to be used for issues that can be settled with a motion, a second and approval. (Issues requiring discussion should be addressed in a Board Meeting)
- 4) Email votes will be read into the minutes of the next Board meeting.

**MINUTES**

For BTCA Board of Director meetings the Executive Secretary will prepare a draft of the board meeting and distribute them to the Board Members within thirty days of the Board Meeting.

Board corrections will be due back to the Executive Secretary within ten days of emailing.

Unapproved minutes will be available within sixty days for distribution with BARKS or to the membership with next BTCA Mailing or emailed to the membership, whichever comes first.

## **POLICY REGARDING OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS**

Regarding outside organizations who wish to participate in BTCA activities and functions. (Examples might be vendors at BTCA shows or advertisers in catalogs or publications.) The policy is as follows:

The Bull Terrier Club of America (BTCA), adhering to State and Federal Law and acting in the best interest of the BTCA and the Bull Terrier Breed, may at its sole discretion limit the participation of individuals, companies, organizations, and others in BTCA activities and publications.

All considerations for an article submitted by an outside organization must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to inclusion in a BTCA publication.

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## **PURCHASE POLICY**

It is the policy of the Board of the BTCA, Inc., that no purchases of any items on behalf of the club shall be made without appropriate authorization

Expenditures of club funds must be supported by an expense report and appropriate invoices, documentation, and vouchers.

Authorization for expenditures during a fiscal year shall be as follows:

1. The Treasurer or the President of the BTCA, Inc. may authorize an expenditure of club funds up to \$200.00.
2. The Treasurer and President of the BTCA, Inc., together may authorize the expenditure of funds from \$200.00 up to \$1000.00.
3. All expenditures of club funds of \$1,000.00 or more must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to said expenditures, with the exception of the following committees, which are governed by individual oversight. The excepted committees under this resolution are as follows:
  - The Show Chairman Committee
  - The Trophy Committee
  - The BARKS Committee
  - The RECORD Committee
  - All other committees are authorized under the terms of this policy to make expenditures of club funds with the appropriate approval of the Treasurer or the President of up to \$200.00 for the fiscal year.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

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### NEW MEMBERS

Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address and telephone number of the applicant and shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. An application for Junior membership must include a parent's signature of consent, and the endorsement of one BTCA member in good standing, as sponsor. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit an application fee in an amount set by the Board. The application fee shall not exceed \$100. Dues for the year subsequent to the year of approval are due January 1<sup>st</sup>. There shall be no application fee nor dues for Junior members.

Applications are submitted to the Executive Secretary. Once payment has cleared the applicant's name shall be posted to the BTCA website for not less than 30 days before an upcoming Board meeting. Members may review the list of prospective members and send any appropriate comments regarding prospective members to the Executive Secretary before the Board meeting. At the Board meeting, all applicants who have been posted for at least 30 days, shall be considered for membership by the Board. An affirmative vote of 75% of the Board members shall Constitution/Bylaws be required for election to membership. An application which has been rejected may be presented by the applicant's endorser at the next annual meeting of the club and the club may elect such applicant by a favorable vote of seventy-five percent of the members present if there is a quorum. If at the time of the annual meeting there is not a quorum present, the application may be voted upon by secret ballot at the next Board of Directors meeting. A favorable vote of seventy-five percent of the Board members shall elect such applicant. Junior membership applicants shall become Junior members immediately upon receipt of a properly completed application.

#### Section 4 – Rights of Membership

A Regular member in good standing is entitled to all privileges of the club. These privileges include but are not limited to:

- a. the right to vote in all club elections
- b. the right to vote on all matters requiring a plebiscite
- c. the right to be elected or appointed to any club office

An Associate member in good standing is entitled to all the privileges of the club except:

- a. the right to vote in all club elections or plebiscite (this includes nomination of additional candidates)
- b. the right to be elected or appointed to any club office although may serve on club committees.

A Junior member in good standing is entitled to all privileges of the club except:

- a. the right to vote in all club elections or plebiscite (this includes nomination of additional candidates)
- b. the right to be elected or appointed to any club office although may serve on club committees
- c. Printed copies of Barks. Only electronic copies of Barks will be provided.
- d. Do not count in the determination of a meeting quorum.

Lifetime membership may be bestowed upon specific individuals who have demonstrated an active involvement and commitment to the breed for a minimum of ten years. Qualification criteria for this status must be for meritorious service in one or more of the following areas:

- as a breeder or a breed judge
- club administrator or for activity reflecting public credit on the breed through literature, the arts or journalism.

Application for Life Member must be made in the form of a petition to the Board signed by five members in good standing and accompanied by the written acceptance of the proposed individual signifying his or her willingness to be a candidate for Life Member status.

A form to use for all membership applications can found on the website in the members only section or in the index of this document

If a member wishes to add a spouse or household adult the applicant must apply as a spouse of current member. An application which has received an affirmative vote by the Board shall be presented to the membership at the annual meeting where a favorable vote of seventy-five percent of the members present shall confer Life Member status upon the applicant.

Life Members shall be granted permanent exemption from club dues obligation. **All rights, privileges and responsibilities appertaining to club membership shall accrue to the Life Member with the exception of the right to hold the office of the President.**

Membership applications are available on the website and in the index of this document.

When new members are approved, the Executive Secretary sends an email welcoming them to the club.

### **NEW MEMBER LIAISON**

The New Member Liaison sends a new member packet via email. Included in the packet will be:

1. Links to the following
  - Website with information on how to access the Members Only section
  - Constitution and Bylaws
  - Illustrated Standard
  - Membership List
2. A BTCA sticker sent via US Postal Service.

### **DUES**

Dues from members will be collected every year.

1. Dues are due and payable on or before January 1st however members have a 30 day grace period on that; after which time they must reapply if dues are still delinquent.
2. Dues are currently set at \$60 for a single member, \$65 for a couple (spouses or 2 individuals residing at the same address) or \$50 for associate membership (single or couple)
3. Dues amounts can be changed by the board of directors at any time however, changes made after October 1st will not be effective for the ensuing year.
4. Dues will not exceed \$100 for any category.
5. Junior members and Life members are not required to pay dues.
6. Dues initially paid with a member's application will need to add \$20 for BARKS postage for applicants in the US, Canada, or Mexico. Applicants from any other country will need to add \$40 for BARKS postage.
7. Dues renewals for members in Canada and Mexico will need to add \$20 for BARKS postage and renewals for members in any other country will need to add \$30 for BARKS postage. Non US residents have the option to receive BARKS in a digital format and then will not need to add the extra for postage.
8. Renewal notices are to be sent out by the Treasurer on or about October 1st.
9. Dues notices can be emailed to the membership but those specifically wanting theirs mailed will be sent their renewal by regular mail.
10. Dues can be paid by check to the treasurer or can be sent via Paypal or Zelle. Members must return their renewal notice with any updated information. If paid by electronic means members need to email their renewal notice to the Treasurer as soon as payment is sent.

## **DISCIPLINE**

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### HEARING POLICIES:

1. The board of directors will consider complaints filed by members regarding incidents that have happened within the last 12 months.
2. Any witnesses or counsel brought to a hearing must be a member of the BTCA
3. Any taping or digital/electronic documentation of the proceedings by either party or any witness will be prohibited.
4. If witnesses are to be present, their names must be submitted to the moderator at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.
5. The committee can issue its judgment in any number of ways: set up arbitration, require a formal apology, suspend the member, or recommend expulsion
6. The statement of the charges (if substantiated) will be posted, along with the committee's decision on disciplinary action, in the members only section of the BTCA website
7. There will be no release of the notes from the hearing (executive session)
8. Any violation of these policies could result in further disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension or expulsion.

### RESPONSE TIMELINE FOR MEMBER COMPLAINTS

1. Upon receipt of a formal complaint by a member, the Executive Secretary will notify the remainder of the Board of Directors via an electronic notice. The notice will contain a copy of the complaint and all supporting documents.
2. An electronic notice will be sent within a timely manner by the Executive Secretary to the complaining party notifying them the complaint was received. This notification will also include a copy of the BTCA bylaws and the BTCA Policy and Procedures section outlining disciplinary action. An example of the letter customized and sent to participants is located in the index of this document.
3. Within twenty-one (21) days of the initial receipt of the complaint, the Board of Directors will meet in person or remotely to determine the merit(s) of the complaint and determine if the complaint will be entertained.
4. Within thirty (30) days of the original receipt a notice will be sent to the party filing the complaint to inform them if the complaint will be entertained or refused.
5. If the Board of Directors finds the complaint to be valid and the conduct is deemed prejudicial, the board committee (which consists of 3 to 9 board members) will select the date and location of the hearing, not less than three weeks nor more than twelve weeks thereafter. Should the timeline allow, the hearing will be held in conjunction with a general membership meeting, if not, the hearing will be held virtually. The fee paid by the complainant will be refunded.
6. The Executive Secretary will notify the defending party of the complaint filed against them. This notification will include the date of hearing. The complaining party and the defending party can individually choose to meet in person or virtually.
7. If the Board of Directors finds the complaint not to be valid and the conduct is not deemed prejudicial the Executive Secretary will notify both parties that the complaint filed was not deemed valid and will not be entertained. The fee paid by the complainant will not be refunded.

The Board of Directors requires **confidentiality** from all involved parties including that the complaint will not be made public or placed in a public forum. Failure to do so could result in dismissal of the complaint or board action against the offending party.

### POLICIES GUIDING THE DISCIPLINE HEARING

A discipline hearing is a BTCA procedure with no legal bearing outside our organization. An example of the letter customized and sent to participants is located in the index of this document. The hearing will be conducted with the following format:

1. The moderator will read the specific violation being brought against the defendant.
2. Both parties will be sworn in. (statement of affirmation of truth)
3. The complainant first, then the defendant will each be given 30 minutes to state their case  
(Including witnesses)
4. Each party will be given 5 minutes to state a rebuttal if needed.
5. Committee may ask questions for clarification
6. Both parties leave the meeting and the Committee meets for their deliberation.

## **OUTCOME**

The Board or committee may, by a majority vote of those present, reprimand the defendant, or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing, or until the next annual meeting, if that will occur after six months, and if it seems that this punishment is insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion.

Immediately after the Board or the committee has reached a decision, its finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Executive Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

Expulsion of a member from the club may be accomplished only at the Annual Meeting of the club following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board, or Board committee, as provided in Section 3 of the Article. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf. The members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the suspension shall stand.

## **DOG RELIEF AREA POLICIES**

1. At all BTCA show sites, dog excrement should be immediately picked up. If a dog's stool is very loose, it is expected that the portion that can be cleaned up is done promptly, and the remainder either covered with dirt or shavings or rinsed away.
2. At no time should a dog be allowed to relieve itself in hotel rooms, hallways, elevators, lobbies or within 25 feet of exit doors. This includes, but is not limited to, urination on elevator walls/doors, plant stands, doorways, shrubbery, flowers, waste containers, and sidewalks.
3. If a host hotel declares its lobby (or other) area off-limits, failure to comply will subject you to one or more of the following penalties: First Observation by a BTCA Member – a verbal reminder and warning. Second Observation – dismissal from the show site for the duration of the event.
4. Relief in restricted areas – With clean-up - verbal reminder and warning. With-out clean-up – immediate dismissal from site and 6 mo. Suspension of BTCA and AKC privileges
5. Relief in permitted areas – With-out clean-up – Verbal reminder and warning. Second Observation – Immediate dismissal from site for duration and 6 mo. suspension of BTCA and AKC privileges.
6. Violations of this nature which exceed the above, particularly in a historically repetitive pattern will be referred to the Board of Directors with the recommendation of suspension of BTCA and AKC privileges for a minimum of one year. In serious and repetitive violations, expulsion from membership in the BTCA and the harshest AKC penalties will be recommended. The AKC penalties can include multiple year suspensions and/or monetary fines.



### **BTCA EVENT LOCATION BEHAVIOR**

The following notice will appear in the catalogs of BTCA events regarding the abuse of hotel rooms:

Should there be reports or complaints of BTCA members abusing host hotel rooms, property, or grounds the following actions may be taken:

1. Refusal of future entries at BTCA events.
2. BTCA disciplinary action, with possible expulsion from the BTCA.
3. Formal AKC Bench Show Hearing, which could result in the suspension of all AKC privileges

## **REGIONAL CLUBS**

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### Types of Regional Clubs

1. Licensed Clubs
2. Sanctioned (B Clubs)
3. Non sanctioned Clubs

It is recommended that each regional club maintain and share with members the following:

1. Membership list
2. Constitution and By-Laws
3. Records of meetings
4. Treasury Report

The BTCA will support the Regional Clubs in the following ways:

1. To Be Determined by new BOD taking office October 2023

### Club Hospitality Events

Hospitality should be the responsibility of the regional club at the specialty weekend. It is the policy of the BOD that any hospitality offered on the day of a BTCA event be open to all participants

### CRITERIA FOR CLUBS REQUESTING BTCA RECOGNITION

The BTCA agrees to follow the AKC's accreditation guidelines that a splinter club cannot be recognized.

Criteria For Club's Requesting BTCA Recognition:

1. That the club submits a Constitution and By Laws.
2. That there be a minimum of (10) members.
3. That there be records of meetings, elections, and activities prior to requesting approval.
4. That the club be in active operation for a period of three years before submitting an application for recognition.

### RECOGNIZED REGIONAL CLUBS

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>AKC/CKC STATUS</b>
Barbary Coast BTC	Sacramento, CA	Licensed
Blue Ridge BTC	Arlington, VA	Non-sanctioned
BTC of Central Arizona	Phoenix, AZ	Sanctioned
BTC of Dallas	Broken Arrow, OK	Licensed
BTC of Metro Detroit	Livonia, MI	Licensed
BTC of New England	Lawrence, MA	Licensed
BTC of the Niagara Frontier		Licensed
BTC of Philadelphia	Collegeville, PA	Licensed
BTC of St. Louis	Quenemo, KS	Licensed
BTC of the Southeast	Nashville, TN	Non-sanctioned
BTC of Tampa Bay	Tampa, FL	Non-sanctioned
Buckeye BTC	Rudolph, OH	Non-sanctioned
Central New Jersey BTC	Mays Landing, NJ	Sanctioned
Fort Dearborn BTC	Woodstock, IL	Licensed
Golden State BTC	Aliso Viejo, CA	Licensed
Golden Triangle BTC	Pittsburg, PA	Licensed
Illiana BT Fanciers	Rolling Meadows, IL	Non-sanctioned
Knickerbocker BTC		Licensed
Mile High Bull Terrier Club	Denver, CO	Non-sanctioned
Orange Coast BTC	Alisa Viejo, CA	Licensed
Texas Gulf Coast Bull Terrier Club	Houston, TX	Licensed
BT Club of Canada	Ontario, Canada	Licensed
BT Fanciers Association	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Licensed

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Purpose and Philosophy**

A part of the BTCA's stewardship is achieved through its publications led by the bi-annual BARKS and the annual RECORD.

BTCA publications have the responsibility to educate and inform the membership and other dog fanciers about Bull Terriers, and the BTCA through a positive and objective display of the breed's unique character and physique and the club's various goals and functions. They have an equal responsibility to serve the membership, to focus on the dogs and their needs, not on persons, personalities, or politics.

BARKS and The Record contain the activities of the club, its members, and their dogs: They employ an open form policy which provides an equal opportunity for all members to participate in open discussion of issues affecting Bull Terriers; the solicitation and presentation of educational material; self-expression through authorship, artwork, and advertisements.

Because BARKS and The Record are depended upon as references, every attempt to print complete, accurate, truthful information is essential. The following guidelines shall serve to achieve this goal.

#### **MANAGING EDITORS**

The Board of Directors shall appoint managing editors who shall administer the publications of the BTCA. They shall do their best to serve the breed, the members, and the Board by producing a magazine (BARKS) and an annual (The RECORD) and shall be guided and supported by the technical and philosophical standards reflective of the BTCA publications policy.

The editor is directly responsible to the BTCA Board of Directors who represent the membership of the BTCA. All administrative and interpretive decisions will reflect the neutrality of the editor, the dignity of the club, and the objectivity of the contributors.

To ensure confidentiality, discussion of a submission shall not go beyond the editor(s) and the Board of Directors.

Though a disclaimer is printed in BARKS and The Record, the editor shall not relax their interpretation of policy. The editor is ultimately responsible for the coordination of all aspects of production from receipt of material to distribution of the finished publication.

The editor shall see that the publication's technical aspects are adequate and appropriate. The production shall never become more important than the content.

The editor shall set deadlines and publication dates which shall be strictly adhered to by all parties. Any and all changes in deadlines must be made public well in advance of the effective date.

The editor shall refer material of questionable nature to the Board of Directors where alternatives shall be discussed. Any material may be refused by the BTCA Board of Directors if it does not meet the criteria of guidelines.

The Editor shall examine a printed proof of any issue of the Record and BARKS before committing to press.

An editor shall not alter any material without written permission of the contributor.

An editor shall not use their position as editor of a BTCA publication as a personal platform but may express their opinion as a BTCA member if the guidelines are followed. An editor may contribute as an independent author or artist with due regard to these guidelines. He/she may write a report regarding the production of the publication, which shall be included in the business report of standing committees.

## **REGIONAL REPORTS**

Reports from recognized regional clubs are strongly recommended. As BARKS is a national publication, contents of these reports shall largely address club activities (Seminars, play days, bully walks, etc.). A list of new officers shall be included in the regional report at least once a year.

***The following will not be accepted for publication in regional reports:***

- ***Show results***
- ***Litter announcements***
- ***Personal announcements***
- ***References to services, animals or artifacts for sale or barter.***
- ***Reference to specialty and Silverwood winners by regional clubs' members.***

## **PAID ADVERTISING**

The following items can be submitted for publication in the advertisement section.

- Advertising your dogs and or kennel
- Personal announcements
- References to service animals or artifacts for sale or barter
- Show wins, specialty wins, Silverwood/National wins
- Litter Announcements/puppy piles
- Outside business/commercial advertisement with Board approval

## **MEMORIALS**

The Record and BARKS shall pay tribute to past members and dogs whose example or deeds have been of "significant" and positive effect on the breed. Tributes shall be reviewed and approved by the editors, and if necessary, the Board of Directors. To be considered "significant" a dog must have produced several ROM winners and/or Silverwood finalists.

## **CRITIQUES**

Critiques from Regional Shows will be included in BARKS (as space allows) and critiques from Silverwood and the National Specialty will be included in The RECORD.

The BTCA Regional Show Chair will distribute the critiques to the appropriate editor.

## **AKC GAZETTE**

The Board of directors will appoint a BTCA member to write the Bull Terrier Breed Column for the AKC Gazette. The column will be submitted to the Board for approval prior to being sent to the AKC Gazette.

## **WEB PAGE**

The Board of Directors will appoint a webmaster from the BTCA membership, when possible. Content on the website will always be subject to the approval of the BOD. The majority of the site will be public and there will be a members' only section accessible with their own login. The webmaster will be responsible for maintaining the site and updating information to keep it current.

## **Illustrated Standard**

The Judges Education Committee will be charged with sending an electronic copy of the Illustrated Standard to all new bull terrier breed judges and making them available as needed for breed seminars, etc. Should the AKC Breed Standard be updated, the Illustrated Standard will also be updated.

## PUBLICATIONS

BTCA has two publications that are sent to the membership: The RECORD and BARKS. The RECORD is mailed early in the year. And the two issues of BARKS are mailed in late Spring and just prior to Silverwood. The RECORD contains statistics, awards and special events annual with advertisements and remove the non-historical articles. Educational and informational articles are to be published in BARKS and articles of historical significance or of enduring value will be placed in the RECORD.

### SUBMISSION DEADLINES

The submission deadlines are as follows:

BARKS	Spring/Summer Fall	March 31 <sup>st</sup> July 31 <sup>st</sup>
The RECORD		December 31 <sup>st</sup>

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Ads must be submitted as an 8.5" x 11" document with 0.5" margins. Only ads submitted as **word documents or pdf documents** will be accepted. All others will be returned to the sender for resubmission as either word or pdf files. If there is an error in your ad, we cannot correct it if it is not a word or pdf document. The ad will have to be resubmitted. Also, ads submitted as a pdf file that has been made from a jpg file cannot be corrected by us and will need to be corrected by the submitter and resent.

1. **DO NOT SEND JPG FILES that are not at least 300 dpi.** Size also matters. Small jpg files lose resolution when they need to be enlarged. Send your photos slightly larger than what you want them to be reproduced.
2. IF you want us to lay out your ad, there will be an **additional \$10 charge per page.**
3. If submitting multiple ads, if possible, please let us know what order you would like them in.
4. If you have any questions on submissions, please contact either of us.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

BARKS

United States	\$45*
Canada, Mexico	\$45 + \$45 postage
Other Countries	\$45 + \$100 postage
Electronic Subscription	\$30



The RECORD

United States	\$25
Canada, Mexico	\$25 + \$45 postage
Other Countries	\$25 + \$100 postage
Electronic Subscription	\$30

\* Members may opt for an electronic version of BARKS instead of the printed version

**POLICIES**

1. The format of BARKS will be changed to an 8.5" x 11" saddle-stitched magazine limited to 100 pages The RECORD will also be changed to 8.5"x 11" and be perfect bound. (03-06-20)
2. Should the editors not have Adobe software, BTCA will cover the cost of the pdf software.
3. Articles submitted and published in BARKS become the property of the BTCA.
4. Permission may be given for reprints, at the Editor's discretion, as long as credit is given to the BTCA in the publications.
5. BARKS will be limited to 100 pages. (03-06-20)
6. **The back cover of the Winter issue of BARKS and the RECORD will be used for the for BTCA Specialty winner.** (01-13-06)
7. The Board approved the placement of the BTCA Specialty winner on the back cover of the Winter issue of
8. BARKS and the RECORD. (01-13-06)
9. Pedigrees in the Silverwood and National Specialty sections will only include AKC approved titles.
10. The RECORD flyer will no longer be sent via regular mail, but will be emailed to the membership. (03-1017)
11. It is the policy of the BTCA that an applicant will begin receiving BARKS upon receipt of their completed application and correct fees. (3-10-95)
12. **A \$25 fee will be charged in addition to bank fees with second offense of an insufficient funds check or an invalid credit card.** Thereafter money orders only will be accepted for payment by said individuals. (01-13-06)
13. **Members will be charged a \$10.00 flat forwarding fee for returned publications.** (05/23/2022)
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## **COMMITTEES**

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A thank you letter/card will be sent to all outgoing committee chairs by the incumbent president.

In September of each election year the Executive Secretary will email the membership inquiring if any Club members are interested in serving on a committee for the ensuing 2-year term. The email will include the requirements for each committee.

The following committees/chairs are appointed at the first meeting of each new BOD term.

These standing committees (chair and members) will be appointed by the board:

1. Judges Selection Committee
2. Bar Sinister Committee
3. Nominating Committee - in March of election years

The Board appoints the Chair for the following committees and each chair can appoint their own committee members.

1. **AKC Delegate** - This committee has just one delegate who is also a non-voting member of the Board of Directors. They will attend BTCA Board meetings and keep up with the issues and happenings on the Board and will attend the AKC Delegate meetings when at all possible.
2. **AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award** - this committee gathers nominations and makes the selection for the recipient of the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award each August. -
3. **Breed Ambassador** - The Breed Ambassador will work with the Rescue Welfare Trust to develop, present, and staff breed education events to include the AKC Meet the Breed events.
4. **Breeders Education** – The Breeder Education Committee is designed to promote the development of “good breeders”. This committee will provide opportunities (live seminars, virtual sharing of information) to increase the understanding of the necessary science and animal husbandry AND to apply it wisely.
5. **Constitution Review** – The Board will periodically assign 3 club members in good standing to review and submit recommendations for updating the Constitution and By-Laws.
6. **Finance** - The Board will appoint 3 members in good standing with strong financial skills to periodically review the club investments and finances. If necessary, this committee will make advisements and recommendations regarding club finances.
7. **Futurity** - this committee receives nominations for Futurity candidates and keeps and maintains information of eligible dogs. They check to make sure entries were properly nominated. They will work with the trophy chair to suggest prizes for winners.
8. **Health Committee** - the health committee will provide information pertaining to health disorders affecting Bull Terriers. They will inform the membership of health concerns. They may choose to provide seminars on health topics.
9. **Historical Committee** - the committee maintains the physical and digital history and records of the club.

- 10. Judges Education** - this committee is charged with providing information and hosting seminars for our ROM judges, AKC judges, and individuals interested in becoming judges.
- 11. Juniors** - this committee encourages Jr membership through participation in junior showmanship events, activities and publication of regular newsletters.
- 12. Legislation and Public Relations** - This committee will inform the membership of important legislation that affects our breed, dog ownership and purebred dog issues. When appropriate, this committee will communicate with political entities regarding canine legislation.
- 13. New Member Liaison** - This committee receives notice from the Executive Secretary once a new member has been read in and they send out a new member packet via email or regular mail or both. The committee will submit this packet to the board for approval as any changes are made to its contents.
- 14. Performance Committee** - This committee is in charge of all aspects of Performance in the BTCA. Events, trials, seminars, annual awards, etc. The committee may fundraise for their own use. Any funds raised will be earmarked for Performance use.
- 15. Publications**
- **AKC Gazette** - This committee is one person who will write the article in the Breed column of the AKC Gazette.
  - **Barks** - this committee is in charge of putting together and publishing the 2 yearly issues of BARKS, one in April and one in August
  - **Record** - This committee publishes the yearly RECORD of all activities the BTCA was involved in during the previous year and all titles and awards won by ~~our~~ Club members. The yearly RECORD is the official issue for Silverwood and National Specialty results and critiques.
  - **Website** - This committee is in charge of keeping the website up to date and uploading new content when asked to do so by the Board.
- 16. Regional Show Chair** - This committee handles all show applications for the regional clubs for ROM shows. They are also responsible for collecting and distribution of critiques. This committee is also charged with approving emergency judge changes when notice is received less than 48 hours prior to the assignment.
- 17. ROM Awards** - This committee will collect data and calculate the progression of points for Bull Terriers towards the various ROM titles.
- 18. Silverwood/National Show Chair/Show Secretary** - This committee is in charge of all the show details of Silverwood, and the National Specialty. They will get board approval on deadlines and the scheduled start times.
- 19. Special Awards** - This committee manages the distribution of all the designated annual special awards. They will also ensure trophies are provided for distribution.
- 20. Team USA** - this committee is in charge of selecting a team for the Country Competition held in the Netherlands each November. This committee is in charge of fundraising to pay all the costs associated with the transport to and from Holland for the dogs.
- 21. Trophy Chair** - This committee is in charge of securing trophies/prizes for each of the BTCA specialty shows throughout the year and for Silverwood, Sweepstakes, Futurity, and the National Specialty.

The board will give them a budget at the beginning of their term. Trophies for the National Specialty require Board approval.

**22. Trophy Solicitation Chair**-will secure donations for trophies and prizes for the National Specialty, Silverwood, Futurity, and Sweepstakes.

**23. Ways and Means**-This committee is responsible for raising funds for the BTCA.

### **AKC DELEGATE**

- The AKC delegate is a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.
- They will attend BTCA Board meetings and keep up with the issues and happenings on the Board.
- They will attend the AKC Delegate meetings when at all possible.

### **AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

- “To recognize and encourage behavior, both individual and corporate, that fosters this type of good will and generosity of spirit, to advance our Bull Terriers, as far as possible, in the best and most sportsmanlike way possible.”
- An AKC Good Sportsmanship Award based on the AKC Good Sportsmanship guidelines is in development. The Board approved awarding an Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. A committee of three members shall be appointed. (June 12, 2015)
- The appointed committee shall solicit nominations from the membership. The committee should attempt to meet in person or via Zoom to select the recipient. The meeting shall be held in executive session. The committee chair will contact the Board officer of their choice and give them the recipient’s name

### **CONSTITUTION REVIEW**

The Board will periodically assign 3 club members in good standing to review and submit recommendations for updating the Constitution and By-laws/

Any recommended amendments must be approved by the Board, the AKC and the Membership.

## **EDUCATION**

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### BREEDER EDUCATION & BREEDER EDUCATION COORDINATOR

**Mission:** *Every Parent Club should develop a plan for Breeder Education and appoint a Breeder Education Coordinator to oversee the plan for Breeder Education.*

#### **What is Breeder Education?**

Breeder Education is a Parent Club's ability to help educate its breeders and its members on:

- The Breed Standard
- How to successfully read a pedigree
- How to choose a Stud dog or Brood bitch
- How to successfully have a litter
- How to choose the 'right' puppy that meets the Standard
- How to mentor breeders
- How to preserve your breed's legacy

#### **How Can a Parent Club Achieve this Goal?**

- Provide a source of materials and people to help with education
- Have breed seminars and educational opportunities at club events such as local dog shows, National Specialties, or other venues
- Appoint a Breeder Education Coordinator to be the source for dissemination of breed and breeding information

#### **Who Should be the Breeder Education Coordinator?**

- A recognized member who has been a successful breeder and exhibitor of the breed, appointed by the Parent Club's BOD.
- A member who is willing to be available to answer emails or phone calls
- A member who is willing to join the chat list of other AKC Breeder Education Coordinators and be listed on the AKC website with the other club officers and Committee chairs.

**NOTE:** This person does not have to be involved with Breeder Referral

The AKC is all about Parent Club members producing good dogs. The AKC says good dogs come from good breeders. The Breeder's Education Committee is designed to promote the development of "good breeders". Good breeders who strive to improve their own stock as well as improve the breed, as a whole. The committee's goal is to provide **opportunities** to all member breeders - seasoned breeders, emerging breeders and potential breeders. Opportunities to hone the art of breeding – to harness their human capacity to visualize our written standard, and to work toward that end. Opportunities to increase the understanding of the necessary science and animal husbandry AND to apply it wisely. Opportunities to inspire each breeder's continued devotion to the preservation of a virtuous Bull Terrier.

Goal synopsis:

\* The BTCA Breeder's Education Committee supports BTCA member breeders on their incredible journey to produce quality representatives of the breed.

\*To support BTCA breeders through on-going education efforts via forums, webinars, articles, and seminars. Covering a wide array of topics: canine reproduction, whelping, rearing, canine health, structure, function, temperament, training, and responsible dog ownership. The committee also serves as a repository of this pertinent information.

\*To develop and support BTCA member breeders by promoting informed, responsible, committed, and ethical breeding practices.

\*To encourage the development of a stable, highly motivated population of members whose intention is to preserve and protect our breed, through continued growth of both skill and knowledge.

\*To pair BTCA breeder mentors to interested novice breeders by facilitating communication.

\*To educate the general public in how to acquire well-bred Bull Terriers from BTCA member breeders by having a highly active, outward facing presence.

## **JUDGES EDUCATION**

The Silverwood weekend presents a prime opportunity each year for prospective judges to view the maximum number of quality Bull Terriers assembled under one roof. ~~We suggest that~~ An annual announcement to be posted in the Breed Seminar section of the "**AKC Judges Newsletter**" as to the date and location of the competition. Judges would be provided with preferential seating, ringside tutors, and written materials. Provision would be made for them to go over live dogs. A Committee member's name and address should be included in the announcement and that member would be responsible for supplying information to inquires (a modified version of the Silverwood packet?) and working with the host club re: arrangements for judges planning to attend.

### **B.T.C.A. JUDGES EDUCATION SEMINAR PRESENTERS (Endorsed by B.T.C.A.)**

The following are recommendations by the B.T.C.A. education committee:

Required Breed Involvement:

- Member of the B.T.C.A in good standing
- Owned Bull Terriers for a minimum of 5 years
- Bred a minimum of 3 specialty/supported B.O.V. or B.O.S. winners
- Possess demons ratable communicative/public speaking skills
- Able to work within the recommended framework, using the materials made available by the B.T.C.A.
- Preferred Breed Involvement: 10-year history of breed/ownership
- AKC (or equivalent) approved judge of Bull Terriers
- Involvement in breed welfare or rescue • Member of local B.T. club, in good standing, member of all-breed club. Involvement with AKC, for example, delegate, legislative liaison, PEC trial board member.

*Materials* to be made available by the B.T.C.A. *on loan* i) and ii)

- i) Power Point Breed presentation
- ii) Handouts:
  - a) Free B.T. Illustrated Standard
  - b) Copy of AKC Breed Standard
  - c) Resources for literature/references
  - d) National club contacts, area clubs and contacts, welfare coordinators, rescue, legislative liaisons.
  - e) B.T.C.A. certificates of attendance

### **B.T.C.A. JUDGES EDUCATION SEMINAR**

Recognizing the need for the BTCA to become more pro- active in the area of judge education, the Committee focused its discussion on two major facets of this process: **1) locating and enlisting knowledgeable speakers and 2) providing speakers with support, both financial and programmatic.**

#### **Speaker Support**

The Committee suggests development of a standardized, general program format. This outline would provide a framework within which the speaker could creatively operate and which can be custom-tailored as the speaker sees



fit or as time constraints dictate. Content of the outline can be organized by the Committee and submitted to the Board for further amendment/suggestions. If approved, copies of the "seminar kit" can be made available to speakers through the coordinator on a lending-library basis. Format would include written and audio-visual material.

#### **BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA APPROVED JUDGE'S MENTOR LISTING**

The following list of Bull Terrier Club of America members have been approved as mentors for those wishing to attend a show where Bull Terriers will be exhibited and where one of those listed will be in attendance.

Please contact these mentors in advance, via their email, to ascertain if they will be available for mentoring at a show where you will be in attendance. You can also check our Show Schedule which you will find under the drop-down menu of "Shows and Critiques", then click on the current year to find the listed shows and judges for the day.

#### **APPROVED JUDGES MENTORS**

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Carl Pew	UT	simaribt@aol.com
* Judges Education Chair		

### **FINANCE**

The Board will appoint 3 members in good standing with strong financial skills to periodically review the club investments and finances. If necessary, this committee will make advisements and recommendations regarding club finances.

**The Club shall have the Finance committee perform an audit prior to the beginning of the new board's term.**

The AKC letter regarding managing Club Finances can be found in the index.

### **HISTORICAL**

**Under construction**

### **LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**Under construction**

## **BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA FUTURITY STAKES**

## **BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA FUTURITY STAKES**

### **Purpose**

To encourage the breeding of the best possible Bull Terriers and to reward the breeders for their efforts. Thus, the Futurity stakes is weighted toward the breeder. Recognition is also given to the owners in whose hands lie the responsibility of developing the inherited potential.

### **General Rules**

1. Correct and timely nominations of both the litter and the individual puppy are required for stake eligibility.
2. Prize money can only be won through competition in the stake judging.
3. Nomination forms are secured from the BTCA Website or Futurity Chair.

### **Nomination of litter**

1. Litter must be nominated by BTCA member **before it is whelped** and the Nominator must be the breeder or Co-breeder, and must be a member in good standing of the BTCA at both the time of nomination and the time of stake judging.
2. Nominations may be submitted via email or USPS mail. Date of nomination is :
  - Email: the date when both nominations and proof of payment are received.
  - USPS: the postmark on the envelope containing the nomination and payment determines the date of nomination.
3. Fee is \$20.00. ***There will be no refunds.***
4. Nomination of the litter makes each puppy in the litter eligible for individual nomination.

### **Nomination of Puppy**

1. Must be made by the owner, who need not be a BTCA member.
2. Nomination must be made **before the puppy reaches four (4) months of age**. Futurity Nominations may be submitted via email or USPS mail. Date of nomination is:  
Email: the date when both nominations and proof of payment are received  
USPS Postmark of envelope transmitting nomination determines date of nomination.
3. Fee is \$10.00 for each nomination. ***There will be no refunds.***
4. An entire litter may be individually nominated by paying the fee for each puppy and supplying whelping date, names, sex, color and registration numbers. If registration numbers are unavailable at time of nomination, these must be supplied as soon as available, but in no case later than eight (8) weeks prior to stake judging.
5. Any changes to the identifying information previously provided to the Futurity Chair must be received by the Futurity Chair no later than three (3) weeks prior to the stake judging. **Failure to provide such information will result in disqualification. (i.e. name changes, ownership change)**

### **Entry for Stake Judging**

1. Must be entered in a regular class, either conformation or obedience, at the BTCA National Specialty show and Trial held in conjunction with the stake judging. Fee for this entry must be paid.
2. Futurity Stake must be indicated as an additional class entry, and the fee for additional class entry paid.
3. Additional class entry must include age and color variety (i.e. Futurity, 6-9, White). Puppies are eligible only for the Futurity Stake which is in conjunction with the first BTCA National Specialty Show held on or after the puppy reaches six (6) months of age.

### **Class Divisions**

1. Stake is divided into 4 age divisions: 6-9, 9-12, 12-15, and 15 plus months of age.

2. Each age division is further divided by sex and color variety (Colored, White).
3. Two placements are made in each judging class.

### **Sequence of Judging**

1. The order of judging for each age division will be: Colored Dogs, White Dogs, Colored Bitches, White Bitches, Winner, Reserve Winner. After the age division winner is selected, the judge will select the Reserve Winner from the remaining first place winners plus the second-place winner of the class from which the age division winner was selected.
2. Best Futurity Puppy is selected from the 6-9 and 9-12 age division winners immediately following the 9-12 months class judging.
3. Best Futurity Junior is selected from the 12-15 and 15 plus age division winners immediately following the 15 plus month class judging.
4. Best Futurity Puppy and Best Futurity Junior- compete for Grand Futurity Winner.

### **Division of Stake Monies**

1. General
  - a. 35% of all fees will go to the Futurity operating expense fund.
  - b. 65% of fees are to be divided equally between puppy and junior stakes.
2. Division of Individual Stake Monies:
  - a. 70% of monies to placements in the eight class divisions. 60% to 1st place winner, 40% to 2nd place winner.
  - b. 10% of monies to both Best Futurity Puppy and Best Futurity Junior winner. c. 10% of monies to Grand Futurity Winner.
3. Division of Individual Prizes.
  - a. 60% to breeder.
  - b. 40% to owner.

### **Trophies and Ribbons**

1. A trophy and rosette will be provided *for* Best Futurity Puppy, Best Futurity Junior and Grand Futurity Winner from Futurity operating funds .
2. Other trophies and rosettes may be awarded at the discretion of the BTCA Show and Trophy Committee.
3. Ribbons will be awarded for each class placement.

### **Responsibility of Futurity Chair:**

1. Maintain Accurate records of nominations
2. Communicating with Treasurer regarding receipt of payment and sending payments that are received via USPS.
3. Calculating distribution of Stake money
4. Communicating with treasurer and ensuring that the money is in marked envelopes to be distributed at the show.

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP**

## JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP (Under Construction)

### **The Cecil Mann Bequest Scholarship**

The Junior Showmanship Committee offers the following, on behalf of the Cecil Mann Bequest.

1. A trophy will be given out yearly to Best Junior at the National Specialty. The perpetual trophy will remain in the possession of the BTCA, and a commemorative will be given yearly.
2. A College Scholarship offered yearly in the amount of \$1000 with the following stipulations:
  - The Junior has competed at least once at the National Specialty in Junior Showmanship.
  - The Junior has completed one AKC approved title on a Bull Terrier owned by themselves or their immediate family.
  - Submit an essay to the BTCA Juniors Committee by March 1st. The essay should be a maximum of two pages about their activities with their Bull Terrier and how they feel the sport of dogs has impacted them and their vision for their future in dog-related activities. The Juniors Committee will submit the winning essay to the BTCA Board at the June meeting, for approval. Funds will then be dispersed by the Treasurer of the BTCA.
  - This scholarship may only be won once. It is expected that the recipient will use the funds for college related expenses.
3. A \$300 stipend to be applied to travel cost of a deserving Junior that has successfully gained an invitation to and competes in the Junior Competition at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.
4. A \$300 stipend to be applied to travel cost for a deserving Junior that is invited and competes in the Junior Showmanship Competition at the AKC National Championship Show.
5. A \$300 stipend to be applied to travel cost for a deserving Junior that attends the BTCA National Specialty/Silverwood and competes in any discipline of the sport that is offered at this show.

Basic applicant requirements for the three stipends:

Applicant must be an eligible Junior (9 years -up to 18th Birthday) competing in any discipline of the sport with a Bull Terrier.

The Junior must show documented participation in 3 or more of the following:

\*Participate in fundraising for a regional club.

\*Participate as a Junior, in any club activities when possible i.e. show set-up breakdown, stewarding, assist t-shirt sales, show chair assigned tasks (age appropriate), assist in Hospitality, assist with Obedience/Barn Hunt trials

\*Volunteer with your dog in a service-related activity/event, i.e. Bark in the Park, Meet the Breeds, visits to rehabilitative care/retirement-nursing home/hospital.

\*Earn an AKC CGC title on your dog

\*Attend training classes in any discipline of competition

\*Attend an educational breed seminar

Application for above, should be within 30 days before or after the event. The Junior Committee will verify the requirements, and advise the BTCA BOD and Treasurer to disperse the funds.

Should the junior be unable to attend any of the above events – the stipend must be returned by recipient to the BTCA Treasurer within 30 days of the show(s). (Priority mail with delivery of confirmation/tracking is recommended.)

6. The Juniors Committee will ideally hold a yearly educational seminar/pizza party during Silverwood Weekend. Ideas would be: Canine CPR course, Judges Round Table, Grooming, Nose Work.

Heather Uplinger, Chairman

Alison Ibbitson

Diane Davis

Samantha Brown©

## **PERFORMANCE**



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The Bull Terrier Club of America encourages performance activities with Bull Terriers following the objectives and guidelines set forth by the BTCA Performance Committee. The committee is chaired by a board nominated person who then creates the working Performance Committee.

### **The committee objectives are:**

1. To encourage members to enjoy the many dog sports available to them and their Bull Terriers. This in turn supports breeders in producing sound dogs with stable temperaments
2. To educate Bull Terrier owners to be responsible for raising and training their dogs to be good companions and public ambassadors for our breed.).

### **The Performance Committee is responsible for the presentation of the following awards:**

#### **1. The BTCA Versatility Awards (Versatility and Versatility Excellent)**

These awards are given according to a Matrix that can be changed by the Performance committee and is posted on the website. (Changes to the matrix should be submitted to the Executive Secretary to be recorded. The number of VA and VAX plates needed should be sent to the Special Awards person who will obtain board approval and will order the plates. Currently the plates are ordered through Decal Solutions Unlimited, Inc. Jim Rowan 847-590-5405 3110 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004)

#### **2. Gordon Bane Memorial Award**

This award was created to honor Gordon and Ginger, their special bond and remarkable accomplishments in and out of the obedience ring. Gordon and Ginger showed us that Bull Terriers can do more than just conformation and enjoy it. This award will be presented to the handler and Bull Terrier with the highest qualifying obedience score in the Regular or Preferred Obedience classes held on the Silverwood weekend. The trophies have been funded by Diane Calden for the years 2021 through 2030 and the performance committee is in possession of the trophies.

#### **3. Button Memorial Scent Work Trophy**

This award was created to encourage and reward Bull Terrier Club of America members for participating in the sport of Scent Work/Nose Work with their senior Bull Terriers and will be presented to the oldest Veteran Bull Terrier to title each year. The trophies have been funded by Karin and RG Lamkins for the years 2021 through 2034 and the Lamkins are in possession of the trophies.

#### **4. Bull Terrier Performance Titlist Recognition**

Those earning AKC titles for the last 12 months are either listed in the National Specialty catalogue or printed on a display board at the Silverwood National Specialty weekend, and are acknowledged as a group at the annual general membership meeting. We appreciate these members for participating in performance and having their dogs serve as good public ambassadors.

**The Performance Committee may raise funds:** The Performance Committee may raise their own funds and the monies that are raised by the Performance Committee will be earmarked to be used for Performance activities.

### **BTCA VERSATILITY AWARDS**

**Note: Owners are responsible for applying for the Versatility Awards and submitting documentation by the deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Eligible Dogs:** Any AKC registered Bull Terrier belonging to a BTCA member in good standing at the time of application is eligible.

**Titles and Requirements:** Dogs earn points toward their Versatility Award and Versatility Excellent Award as specified in the Versatility Award Matrix. The titles and requirement are as follows:

- Versatility Award, designated “VA” – 5 points in a minimum of 3 categories
- Versatility Excellent Award, designated “VAX” – 10 points in a minimum of 4 categories

**A dog earning any Versatility Award shall have achieved at least one of the CORE titles shown in Pink on the Matrix. This requirement is not in addition to the point requirement** - each title earned shall count toward the point requirement. All legs and titles in the Core sports categories need to be earned in person, and not virtually. This includes Obedience, Rally, Agility, Scent Work, Barn Hunt, Therapy, Tracking and Flyball.

**Presentation of Awards:** Versatility awards are earned by the calendar year and awarded the following year. For example, any dog that completes the requirements for the award by December 31, 2019 will receive their award at Silverwood 2020. Documents are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Application for Versatility Awards:** Owners of eligible dogs are responsible for applying for the award and MUST submit documentation of completing the requirements for an award by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year after the award is earned.

**Documentation should include:**

- Complete name of the dog with all titles
- Owner(s) name
- Breeder(s) name
- Certificates of titles earned
- Three generation pedigree
- Photo of your dog of quality suitable for printing in BTCA publications.

The dog’s name, photo, and pedigree along with the owner(s) and breeder(s) names will be published in The Record.

**VERSATILITY APPLICATION**

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**The Versatility Award Matrix is available on the website and in the P&P Manual.**

**VERSATILITY AWARD MARIIX**

VA - 5 points total from 3 different categories including 1  
CORE Title VAX - 10 points total from 4 different categories  
including 1 CORE Title

**CORE Titles**

All legs and titles in the Core sports categories need to be  
earned in person, and not virtually.

## **RECOGNITION OF MERIT**

## RECOGNITION OF MERIT

### History and Background

The ROM Award (Recognition of Merit) was created out of a recognized need to establish an Award which held a greater perceived value than the AKC Champion title. The hope was that this Award system would, by its' functioning, help our community to recognize those animals which by virtue possess the potential and greater likelihood of producing outstanding offspring due to their virtues of conformation and breed type. The points were to be awarded at designated ROM shows judged only by Breeder Judges. These shows were regional Supported and Specialty shows, primarily hosted by regional Bull Terrier Clubs, and could be held independently or in conjunction with All Breed shows. The actual format of this award system has been changed substantially at least 6 times since its inception. The number of designated shows started at 12/year at 6 locations across the US. There were no minimum entry number requirements. This changed due to member exhibitor pressure to include more regional locations. In addition, the number of approved shows increased from 2 on a weekend; first to 3 shows/weekend and then subsequently to a maximum of 4 shows/ weekend. This too was an outgrowth of member interest in expanding the number of opportunities per weekend due to the increasing cost and difficulty of getting to these designated weekends. The USA, Canada and Mexico is a vast land area and presents great challenges of time and expense to participation at these events.

Other requirements, along the way, have also been adjusted. Initially to get a ROM Award, an animal had to achieve 7 points total of which one must be a 3-point win. Points were awarded to WD, WB and BOV and BOS. Shows were initially designated as either a 2 or 3-point shows, with BOV & BOS getting the maximum points offered, regardless of entry numbers. This too was changed from a designated 2 or 3 point to a system where the maximum points were determined by both overall entry numbers and the specific entry in each variety gender. As the number of shows and number of breeder judges grew, this was done to offer a more equitable way for exhibitors to show their support for those shows and judges. Because of the increased number of showing opportunities, a further change was the moving of the ROM award level to 10 points total with at least 2 three-point wins earned on separate weekends. This change was made in order to maintain a level of difficulty.

### ROM RULES

Animals will be awarded ROM status by earning the following points, and by earning a minimum of two 3 point (or higher) wins on different weekends and under different judges:

#### **ROM - 15 POINTS**

These points are awarded at Specialty and Supported Shows approved by the BTCA BOD.

Points will be awarded at Silverwood, Canadian Shield and The Bronze Trophy the same as the ROM shows. The only difference at these; the Reserve Overall Winner will earn points like a BOV or BOS.

For the same color & sex, the following points will be awarded, when the following # of dogs are competing. (In Canada where they do not have varieties BOB would be the same as BOV)

BOV/BOS:	WD/WB:
8 Dogs = 5 Points	8 Dogs = 3 Points
7 Dogs = 4 Points	7 Dogs = 2 Points
6 Dogs = 3 Points	6 Dogs = 1 Point
5 Dogs = 2 Points	
4 Dogs = 1 Point	

SELECT:

Select dog and bitch will earn points based on the number of Champions exhibited of their same variety and gender.

5 Ch Dogs = 3 points

4 Ch Dogs = 2 points

3 Ch Dogs = 1 point

If there are insufficient dogs but sufficient bitches and the dog beats the bitch by receiving the BOV award, then the dog qualifies for the same points as the bitch (or vice versa).

BOV/BOS points will be awarded to all dogs (even if from the classes).

BOW would be awarded BOS points if it beats the BOS

BOW will be awarded highest points available from the WD or WB

BOB & BOS2B, at independent specialties, will also be awarded the highest points earned by any dog they beat if more than they won in their variety.

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Exhibitors wishing to continue showing after earning their ROM can continue to compete for the following titles using the same point system above:

**ROM-B** (Bronze) - 30 POINTS

**ROM-S** (Silver) - 45 POINTS

**ROM-G** (Gold) - 60 POINTS

**ROM Platinum** is part of the Tiered ROM system that awards points to a sire and dam based solely on their offspring. Once a dog achieves ROM, that dog can move through the levels based on the merit/wins of his or her offspring.

For every 10 points their offspring earn, they move up to the next level. One point is earned for each level their offspring win.

Platinum, ROM-P, is achieved when a Gold level dog accrues 10 points from at least three (3) separate offspring's accomplishments as designated in the Platinum Matrix below.

ROM = 1

ROM-B (Bronze) = 1

ROM-S (Silver) = 1

ROM-G (Gold) = 1

## **SHOWS**

## SHOWS

With the approval by the AKC for all regional licensed "A" clubs, these clubs may now hold 4 specialty shows and 4 stand-alone specialty shows. Each club can now have all 4 shows in their own name to go with their 4 ROM shows.

It is the policy of the BTCA, Inc. that it will not authorize stand-alone ROM shows. (10-19-92)

**Regional Clubs:** All licensed regional clubs can now submit applications to the AKC for 4 designated specialties a year and 4 standalone specialties. The show application is on the website and can be found in the Index of this document.

- It is no longer necessary for the BTCA to provide "in name only" shows for licensed regional clubs with this change from AKC.
- Non-licensed Regional Clubs holding specialty ROM shows will need to have applications to the AKC submitted by the BTCA. All regional clubs have 4 ROM shows to assign their specialties or supported shows as they see fit. There will be no single day ROM show allowed at any show.

**Permanent BTCA Specialties:** held with the Great Western Terrier Show weekend supported by Golden State Bull Terrier Club, Montgomery County Terrier Show, weekend supported by Bull Terrier Club of Philadelphia & Central New Jersey Bull Terrier Club and Santa Barbara Kennel Club supported by the BTCA.

**Regional Clubs are required to fill out a ROM show request form completely and return it to the Regional Show Chair by the prescribed due date.**

**Regional Specialties held in conjunction with Silverwood and National Specialty show will be allowed to award 3-point ROMs on the same weekend.**



## **JUDGES SELECTION**

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### APPOINTMENT OF THE JUDGES SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Judges Selection Committee (JSC) of the BTCA Inc., an advisory committee to the Board of Directors, shall be constituted as follows:

1. The JSC shall consist of five members and one alternate, one of which shall be a Board Member. The members shall be selected by the Board of Directors. The members shall be appointed with regional consideration. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. In the case of a resignation the alternate shall succeed to the committee.
2. Members of the JSC must be active judges, breeders, or exhibitors, and a BTCA member for at least five years prior to appointment to that Committee.
3. The JSC's term of office shall be for two years. Committee members may not serve for successive two year terms, with the exception that one member, other than the Chairperson, may be appointed as the Chairperson of the succeeding Committee.
4. The BTCA Regional Show Chairperson shall be advisor to the Committee and supply necessary information to the JSC. The Regional Show Chairperson shall serve as an alternate member on an emergency basis.
5. Members of the JSC are not eligible to accept any of the assignments selected by the Committee, but may exhibit at these shows.
6. The JSC shall solicit input from BTCA members and from Regional Bull Terrier Clubs prior to selecting judges and making recommendations to the Board of Directors. BTCA members and Regional Clubs shall be informed of Rule #5. Input from each Regional Club must result from and be approved at a general membership meeting of that club and be forwarded by the President or Secretary of that Club. These inputs shall be requested in the Fall edition of BARKS each year.
7. The JSC's deliberations and discussions in selecting judges **MUST BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL**.
8. The JSC shall conduct its business in strict accordance with all policies pertaining to the Committee, as approved by the Board of Directors.
9. The JSC is required to hold either a face-to-face or teleconference meeting of all its members before finalizing any recommendations to the Board of Directors. (Committee will determine the best format to meet their needs)
10. If a spouse or relative of a member of the JSC, or someone in a partnership that might be construed as resulting in a conflict of interest, is nominated for any of the assignments selected by the Committee, that member will abstain from voting.
11. The JSC Chairperson shall contact each judge under consideration to determine his or her willingness to accept the assignment should they be asked to do so. The Committee must not disclose its recommendations prior to the submission of its report to the Board of Directors.
12. The Chairperson shall forward their recommendations to the Executive Secretary, who will then forward to the Board for consideration and/or approval at the next Board meeting.
13. The Executive Secretary will also notify the Regional Show Chair and then each club's show chair of the approval of the judges

The Chairperson shall submit a recommendation of any necessary revisions to these rules to the Executive Secretary.

### SILVERWOOD AND SPECIALTY JUDGES SELECTION POLICIES

#### SELECTION OF JUDGES FOR THE SILVERWOOD COMPETITION AND THE NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW

**BTCA Inc. Policy: BTCA Inc. Policy:** : The National Specialty and all corresponding events are sanctioned by the American Kennel Club, and as such Sweepstakes judges are bound to the rules set forth by the AKC.

The Judges Selection Committee (JSC) of the BTCA Inc. has a most important responsibility in selecting judges for the Silverwood Competition and the associated BTCA Specialty. These two shows are the most prestigious of the year.

They determine the Best America Bred Bull Terrier and are the deciding factor in determining the stud dog and brood bitch of that year. To give this Committee some direction, the Board asks that the Committee utilize the following in selecting judges:

For the Silverwood Competition, at least two of the three judges should be licensed AKC or foreign equivalent breeder-judges. The other judge may be a fancier who is not a licensed AKC breeder-judge.

In selecting breeder-judges for Silverwood Competition and the associated BTCA Specialty, the Committee shall weigh these criteria. The Chairperson of the Special Awards Committee shall supply the following data to the Committee:

1. The number of ROM shows judged, with particular emphasis on three-point ROM shows, and the number of Silverwood Competitions judged during his/her career. In the case of foreign judges, the equivalent.
2. The experience a judge has had at the top levels of competitions in which there are a large number of quality dogs.
3. The record of the judge at finding and putting up top quality dogs.
4. The involvement the judge has had in breeding and/or exhibiting bull terriers at Silverwood and Specialty shows.
5. The integrity and impartiality demonstrated by the judge.

If the JSC selects a fancier, who is not a licensed judge, for the Silverwood Competition, the Committee shall weigh these criteria

1. Length of time in the breed
2. Quality and quantity of bull terriers exhibited, bred and/or owned
3. Attendance at specialty and supported shows
4. Judging record at sweepstakes and matches

In selecting judges for Silverwood and National Specialty, the JSC shall consider judging frequency. The same judge shall not be asked to judge either of these shows until three years have elapsed since the last judged that specific show.

In addition, the same judge shall not be eligible to judge any other BTCA specialty that calendar year.

#### **ISIS VABO JUDGES SELECTION**

**BTCA Inc. Policy:** The National Specialty and all corresponding events are sanctioned by the American Kennel Club, and as such Sweepstakes judges are bound to the rules set forth by the AKC.

1. JSC will choose the judge following the current guidelines.
2. The judge must be chosen and approved by the BOD prior to the July 30 invitation deadline.
3. The judge cannot be judging any other event on SW weekend.
4. Judges of the other SW weekend events can participate in the Isis Vabo Competition as long as they are the primary owner of the animal being exhibited.
5. The Isis Vabo competition judge cannot show in the rest of the weekend competitions.
6. The judge will be compensated with 1 hotel room night.
7. The judge cannot have judged the previous year's Silverwood Competition or National Specialty.

#### **FUTURITY JUDGE SELECTION GUIDELINES:**

**BTCA Inc. Policy:** The National Specialty and all corresponding events are sanctioned by the American Kennel Club, and as such Sweepstakes judges are bound to the rules set forth by the AKC.

**Candidates** for judging the BTCA Futurity shall be approved breed judges or experienced breeders.

The following criteria should be used to determine suitability:

1. Consider judging record – Have top placements gone on to similar recognition by other BT judges.
2. Twelve years minimum of involvement in the breed.
3. Four litters of Bull Terriers raised on premises.
4. Three homebred Bull Terriers campaigned to championship titles.
5. Bred at least two ROM titled dogs from different litters.
6. On-going involvement in the breed (i.e. attendance at specialty/ supported shows)

**Candidate pool:**

Licensed breeder judges and experienced successful breeders or an overseas judge with equivalent qualifications. We are looking for someone who has clearly demonstrated obvious talent at the breed level.

The National Specialty and all corresponding events are sanctioned by the American Kennel Club, and as such Futurity judges are bound to the rules set forth by the AKC.

The rules are as follows (as per AKC rules):

1. Futurity judges MAY NOT exhibit in any competition that is part of the National Specialty he/she judges. The restriction runs the entire length of the event.
2. Futurity judges MAY exhibit on the days before and after they judge if it is a different show such as a regional specialty, Isis Vabo or Silverwood.

**NATIONAL SPECIALTY SWEEPSTAKES JUDGES SELECTION**

**BTCA Inc. Policy:** The National Specialty and all corresponding events are sanctioned by the American Kennel Club, and as such Sweepstakes judges are bound to the rules set forth by the AKC.

The rules are as follows (as per AKC rules):

1. Sweepstakes judges MAY NOT exhibit in any competition that is part of the National Specialty he/she judges. The restriction runs the entire length of the event.
2. Sweepstake judges MAY exhibit on the days before and after they judge if it is a different show such as a regional specialty, Isis Vabo or Silverwood.

**SELECTION OF JUDGES FOR BTCA SPECIALTY SHOWS (OTHER THAN THE SPECIALTY HELD IN ASSOCIATION WITH SILVERWOOD)**

**BTCA Inc. Policy:** : The National Specialty and all corresponding events are sanctioned by the American Kennel Club, and as such Sweepstakes judges are bound to the rules set forth by the AKC.

The Judges Selection Committee (JSC) of the BTCA Inc. has a most important responsibility in selecting judges for BTCA Specialty Shows. These shows are:

- Golden State
- Santa Barbara
- Montgomery County
- Morris and Essex

These shows are highly prestigious and should be judged by appropriately qualified breeder-judges. The BTCA Board requires the JSC to utilize the following criteria in selecting judges:

1. The number of ROM shows previously judged (with particular emphasis on three- point ROM shows, and the number of Silverwood Competitions judged during his/her career).
2. In the case of foreign judges, the equivalent. (This data will be supplied to the Committee by the chairperson of the Special Awards Committee.)
3. The record of the judge at finding and putting up the top dog.

4. The involvement the judge has had in breeding and/or exhibiting bull terriers at Silverwood and Specialty shows.

5. The integrity and impartiality demonstrated by the judge.

In selecting judges for BTCA Specialty Shows, the JSC shall consider judging frequency. The same judge shall not be asked to judge more than one BTCA Specialty show every two years.

### **Performance events**

It is the responsibility of the Performance committee to procure a judge

## **JUDGES**

## JUDGES

### ROM JUDGE QUALIFICATIONS

ROM Status applications are available on the BTCA Website and in the Index of this document

A list of ROM judges is available on the BTCA Website and in the Index of this document

A list of Sweepstakes judges is available on the BTCA Website and in the index of this document.

### ROM JUDGE APPLICATIONS

ROM Judge Applications are available on the website and in the index of this document.

### CRITIQUE GUIDELINES

Written show reports are required from each judge of a supported or specialty show and shall be submitted directly to the BTCA Show Chairman within 30 days of completion of the judging assignment. **Judges who fail to comply could become ineligible for future ROM show assignments for a period of two years.**

A judge's report shall contain: the entry's name in full with all titles recognized by the BTCA the sire and dam, breeder and owner, and the judge's evaluation of the dog and its relevance to the eventual placements in the competition. Reports shall include all entries through reserve winners, including Select Dog and Select Bitch and Veteran Dog and Veteran Bitch. At specialty shows Awards of Merit shall be critiqued.

Silverwood reports shall include: the four major winners, the reserves to the winner of each class as follows:

- Silverwood Trophy Winner and Bramblemere Gay Carolynnda Trophy Winner(s)
- Lovell Trophy Winner
- Radium Brigadier Trophy Winner
- Best of Opposite Variety Winner
- All winners of the four classes not already among the preceding.
- All animals who made the final in each section.

The judge may comment on the overall entry and/or individual animals not receiving awards according to these guidelines. Personal or general remarks not pertaining to the show or placements shall not be included in any reports.

### CRITIQUE TEMPLATES (located on the BTCA Website and in the index of this document)

- Supported Entry/Specialty
- Sweepstakes
- Futurity
- National Specialty
- Silverwood

## **RULES FOR EMERGENCY ROM JUDGE APPROVAL**

**The BTCA Show Secretary shall always be the primary contact for emergency approval,** however the host club should be prepared and give a recommendation.

This approval method may be utilized only when a previously Board approved ROM judge cancels a judging assignment and the time interval prior to the show precludes the regular Board approval process. Any substituted ROM judge must meet all regular qualifications and restrictions applicable to ROM approval.

### **Method 1 – More than 2 days prior to the show date.**

The BTCA Show Secretary will notify the Board of Directors of the need for a judge change and ask for an email vote. The results of the vote shall be recorded ~~as a roll call~~ as an email vote in the minutes of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. ~~Such approval will be noted in the minutes of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.~~

### **Method 2 – Less than 2 days prior to the show date.**

The BTCA Show Secretary shall have the authority to approve the judge change if the replacement judge is a ROM qualified judge approved by the Board of Directors. Such approval will be noted in the minutes of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

### **Method 3 – Day of show.**

The BTCA Show Secretary shall always be the primary contact for emergency approval. If the BTCA Show Secretary is unable to be contacted, any one Officer or Director of the BTCA present at the show or available by telecommunication device, shall have the authority to approve the judge if the replacement judge is a ROM qualified judge previously approved by the Board of Directors.

If a ROM qualified judge is not available to accept the assignment, the ROM points shall not be awarded. However, failure to award ROM points at this one show shall not affect the ROM status of any show(s) held in conjunction.

## **POLICY FOR NON-BREEDER JUDGES**

The Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. is adding a limited number of select non-breeder judges to the list of approved judges for Supported entry shows where Recognition of Merit points could be awarded. The BTCA Board's decision to extend this based upon continued interest in Bull Terriers, attendance at seminars, symposiums and/or Silverwood competitions, and history of placements of Bull Terriers in the show ring.

Judges for this list can only be approved by the Board of Directors of the BTCA. The three judges approved at this time can judge AKC Best in Show.



A copy of the BTCA publication where the judge's critique appears will be sent to the judge. Eligibility for judging status at ROM designated shows requires the following conditions.

1. Accept no more than two (2) ROM assignments per year.
2. A critique must be written for placements from Reserve Winners through Best of Variety/Breed.
3. The critique must be submitted to the Regional Show Chairperson within thirty days of the show.
4. Judging fees must be negotiated with the hosting regional Bull Terrier club and may consist of either a) a fee per dog and lodging, or b) airfare and lodging at the discretion of the hosting regional Bull Terrier club. If the show is held in conjunction with an All-Breed Show, efforts may be made to allow the hosting All-Breed club to utilize the judge on the panel for other breeds and contracts may also be negotiated between the judge and the All-Breed club to enhance the judging assignment.

## **ISIS VABO COMPETTON**

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The Isis Vabo Competition began in 2012

The show will offer the opportunity for the previous two years' ROM Recipients as well as the previous year's Silverwood and National Specialty winners to compete head-to-head on Silverwood weekend.

### **Eligibility:**

1. Any animals receiving the ROM award in the previous two years (September 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>)
2. The winner of the previous year's Silverwood competition.
3. The winner of the previous year's National Specialty.
4. The current year's Top Ten in both varieties for the current year, based on the Canine Chronicle breed statistics as published no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>)
5. Animals owned or co-owned by the Isis Vabo Competition judge are not eligible to compete.
6. Membership of the owner in the Bull Terrier Club of America is a prerequisite to entering the competition.
7. Co -Ownership must be a matter of record or applied for with the AKC, CKC or Mexican KC(FICI) as of the date of the Isis Vabo Competition entry.
8. The member must have full membership in the BTCA, not just applied for. The entry must be signed by the BTCA member and that member's address given.

The show will be held on Silverwood Weekend at a designated time and date prior to the Silverwood Competition.

1. One judge will preside over the competition.
2. One winner will be chosen to receive the Isis Vabo Trophy.
3. The trophy will be awarded to the primary owner of the winning animal.
4. The winner of the Isis Vabo competition will be announced at the Silverwood Banquet. A cash prize of \$500.00 will be awarded.

### **Procedures**

#### **Invitations**

1. Invitations and entry forms will be sent by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Invitations and entry forms will be sent via USPS.

**Entry:** A completed entry form must be submitted to the Show Secretary by the stated closing date.

**Fee:** No fee will be charged for entry.

#### **Judges Selection:**

1. JSC will choose the judge following the current guidelines.
2. The judge must be chosen and approved by the BOD prior to the July 30 invitation deadline.
3. The judge cannot be judging any other event on SW weekend.
4. Judges of the other SW weekend events can participate in the Isis Vabo Competition as long as they are the primary owner of the animal being exhibited.
5. The Isis Vabo competition judge cannot show in the rest of the weekend competitions.
6. The judge will be compensated with 1 hotel room night.

The judge cannot have judged the previous year's Silverwood Competition or National Specialty.

The winner of the Isis Vabo competition will be announced at the Silverwood Banquet. A cash prize of \$500.00 will be awarded and a polished pewter cup will be awarded to the winner.

## **SILVERWOOD AND NATIONAL SPECIALTY WEEKEND**

## **SILVERWOOD AND NATIONAL SPECIALTY WEEKEND GUIDELINES**

### **The Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. Show Chairman:**

Determines Obedience Limits  
Selects Silverwood, Obedience, Sweepstakes & Specialty Stewards  
Prepares Specialty Premium List Prepares  
Silverwood Entry Form Prepares Rules  
Governing Silverwood Determines Show  
Hours  
Supplies Armbands, Ribbons, Judges Books & Catalogs  
Serves as Show Secretary or Superintendent for Silverwood and BTCA Specialty Responsible For Collecting  
Entries and Entry Fees

### **The Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. is responsible for the following:**

Shares printing costs of Silverwood Packets (cost is split proportionately to paper volume between host club and BTCA)  
Shares postage for mailing Silverwood Packets (cost is split proportionately to paper volume between host club and BTCA)  
Audio Visual Equipment rental for Education Seminar  
Judges (Breakfast & Lunch)  
Printing Silverwood Catalog  
Printing Specialty Catalog (When show is held in the continental *U.S.*) Silverwood & Specialty Trophies  
Printing Specialty Premium List (Host Club may be asked to print at BTCA expense) Provide Ribbons & Rosettes  
Breakfast & Lunch for Board of Directors Annual Working Meeting  
Educational Seminar (program selected by BTCA Education Committee)

### **The Host Club is responsible for the following**

Judges Rooms (Gratuitous from the Hotel)  
Shares postage for mailing Silverwood Packets (cost is split proportionately to paper volume between host club and BTCA)  
Audio Visual Equipment rental for Education Seminar  
Silverwood Banquet Meals for Judges and Companions  
Audio Visual Equipment (Microphone) for Silverwood & Specialty Securing Obedience Judge (BTCA pays nominal fee of \$100 for Judge)  
Provide all ring equipment for conformation and obedience  
Placing a Silverwood ad in BARKS (One page at *No Charge* to host club)

## SILVERWOOD

### PURPOSE AND RULES GOVERNING THE SILVERWOOD COMPETITION

The purpose of this competition is to bring together at one time in one place America's outstanding Bull Terriers so that their virtues may be assessed and appropriately recognized. In this situation breeders will have an opportunity to inspect America's top Bull Terriers and talk to breeders from other sections of the country. They will be able to relate their own progress to the breed as a whole and make decisions concerning future matings that should move the breed forward at an accelerated pace. It is hoped that through this activity better understanding and closer cooperation will develop throughout the entire Bull Terrier fancy.

The Silverwood Competition is only for NORTH AMERICAN BRED Bull Terriers. American Bred is defined as follows: animals conceived and whelped on the North American Continent, Hawaii, or offshore islands. These animals must be produced as a result of a mating from a bitch that is bred, conceives and whelps the resulting animals in the aforementioned North America. The mating can be as a result of a natural mating or by artificial insemination, or any method of breeding that is currently recognized by the American Kennel Club for the registration of purebred dogs. The sire need not be in North America.

#### **THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WILL BE MADE BY SEPARATE VARIETY:**

Best and Reserve of Each Sex (8 Total Awards)

#### **THE ABOVE WINNERS WILL COMPETE FOR THE MAJOR TROPHIES:**

##### **Best American Bred Bull Terrier**

The Silverwood Trophy – Presented by the Bull Terrier Club of America, permanent trophy to be inscribed with the winner's name and year.

##### **Breeder of the Best American Bred Bull Terrier**

The Ch. Bramblemere Gay Carolynda Trophy – Presented by the Bull Terrier Club of America in memory of George C. Pinque, permanent trophy to be inscribed with the winner's name and year.

##### **Runner-up to the Best American Bred Bull Terrier**

The Lovell Trophy – presented by the Bull Terrier Club of America in memory of Lavender Lovell; be inscribed with the winner's name and year.

##### **Best of Opposite Sex to Best American Bred Bull Terrier**

The Raydium Brigadier Trophy presented by The Bull Terrier Club (England) in memory of Gladys M. Adlam and Jessie Bennett; be inscribed with the winner's name and year.

##### **Best of Opposite Variety**

Trophy presented by the Bull Terrier Club of America

##### **Irene Mann Trophy** (Presented by the BTCA President)

Whelped in North America of parents who were both whelped in North America. Either the Silverwood winner or the Lovell Trophy winner. If neither animal meets the first condition, the trophy will not be awarded. The trophy will be named the Irene Mann Trophy and funded by Cecil Mann for a period of ten years. After that period, the BTCA will have the option of continuing to award the Trophy and/or changing the name of the Trophy, solely at its discretion and expense. The Trophy will be awarded to the owner of the winning animal, and replicas to the owner of the dam and the owner of the sire.

## **SILVERWOOD COMPETITION – GUIDELINES AND RULES**

**ELIGIBILITY** – For American Bred Bull Terriers as defined earlier. The following shall be eligible to enter the competition if owned by a full non-probationary member in good standing of the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc.

1. Any Bull Terrier which has completed the requirements for an AKC (American Kennel Club), CKC (Canadian Kennel Club, or a Mexican Kennel Club (FICI) Championship prior to entry closing date. ***For CKC and Mexican KC please provide a scan or photocopy of certificate or show results.***
2. Bull Terrier who was awarded ROM points in that sex and variety. Provide qualifying show & date. (Includes Multi-tiered ROM system awards such as BROM, SROM etc.)
3. Special Entry Request – Any American Bred Bull Terrier not otherwise qualified may request a “Special Entry”. In addition to the regular entry form and fee, a nonrefundable application fee of \$50.00 (total fee of \$85.00 as of March 2023) and a request for special entry must be submitted to the Show Chairman by the entry deadline.
4. Silverwood Trophy winners are ineligible for subsequent Silverwood Competitions.
5. By submitting this entry either by mail or online, you acknowledge that you are a member in good standing with the
6. Kennel club in your country of residence as noted in guideline #1.
6. It is the desire of the BTCA that every known owner of a possible entrant be notified of this competition.
7. In the event of a protest, the Board of Directors of the BTCA will consider the matter and render a decision which shall be final.
8. The judges of the National Specialty and any Regional Specialty held after Silverwood on the same weekend may **NOT** observe the Silverwood competition.

### **ENTRY PROCEDURE**

1. Entrants are responsible for obtaining entry blanks from the Show Chairman early enough to meet the entry deadline. Entries for the competition must be filed with the Show Chairman no later than the entry deadline.
2. A non-refundable entry fee of \$35.00 will be due for each entry and must accompany the entry. Non-US entries must submit fees by US Dollar Money Order or Certified Check for US funds.
3. Membership of the owner in the Bull Terrier Club of America is a prerequisite to entering the competition. Co-Ownership must be a matter of record or applied for with the AKC, CKC, or Mexican (FICI) KC as of the Date of the Silverwood entry. The member must have full membership, not just applied for. The entry must be signed by the BTCA member and that member’s address given.

### **SILVERWOOD RULE REGARDING CO-OWNERSHIP AND EXHIBITING AT SILVERWOOD.**

The rule states: An officiating judge shall not own, co-own or exhibit an entry at that Silverwood. An exhibitor may not exhibit under a judge that bred the entry, owned the entry within the last twelve months or has handled the entry during the last twelve months. Any other possible conflicts of interest should be brought to the attention of the Show Chairman for referral to the BTCA Board. The BTCA Board will determine whether in fact conflict of interest exists and rule accordingly. The Board determined that since it has been brought to the Board’s attention,

individuals that co-own with a Silverwood judge may exhibit any other animal they own, but not the animal co-owned with the judge.

**CLARIFICATION OF THE SILVERWOOD RULE REGARDING CO-OWNERS EXHIBITING IN THE SILVERWOOD COMPETITION:**

An exhibitor who co-owns a dog or bitch with a judge at Silverwood may show any dog/bitch underneath that judge, with exception of the dog/bitch co-owned with the exhibitor and the judge. (03/06/2009)

- A. Any Bull Terrier which has completed the requirements for an AKC, CKC, or a Mexican KC (FICI) Championship prior to entry closing date.
- B. Any Bull Terrier who has been awarded ROM points at a ROM show.

**Silverwood Qualification on the Entry Form**

Qualification for the Entry (indicate by check one):

- Completed requirements for AKC, CKC or Mexican KC (FICI) Championship prior to entry closing date. ***For CKC and Mexican KC please provide proof of championship, i.e. Photocopy of certificate or show results.***

Any Bull Terrier who has been awarded ROM points. Qualifying show and date:

- Special Entry Request – Requests MUST be accompanied by a \$50 nonrefundable application fee in addition to the regular entry fee. Total fee: \$85.00 (06/23/07)
- At the Silverwood Competition where there is an entry in a class of 1-20 exhibits the judges may select up to 4 finalists and if the class has 21 or more exhibits the judges may select up to 5 finalists. (3-21-97)
- There not be any paid reserved seating at the Silverwood Competition. (3-21-97)
- **Judges of the Silverwood weekend specialties may not attend the Silverwood Competition. (10-21-96)**



## TROPHY

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The Bull Terrier Club of America awards trophies and prizes at several different shows. There is a standing Trophy Committee which is chaired by a board nominated person who can then create a working Trophy Committee. The Trophy Chair (and committee if in place) is responsible for trophy/prize selection subject to Board of Directors approval. The Board of Directors will set a budget for trophies and prizes annually.

### **A. Silverwood Trophies**

There will be one trophy for each major award and it will be presented to the first owner listed on the AKC registration. Additional owners, if BTCA members, have the option to purchase a duplicate of the trophy.

1. The Silverwood Trophy – Given to the best Bull Terrier bred in North America
2. CH Bramblemere Gay Carolynda Trophy – Given in memory of George C. Pinque to the breeder of the Silverwood Trophy winner
3. Lovell Trophy – Given in memory of Lavender D. Lovell for runner-up to the Silverwood Trophy winner
4. Raydium Brigadier Trophy for Best of Opposite Sex.
5. Best of Opposite Variety Winner – first given in 1974, there is no permanent trophy for this award
6. Irene Mann Trophy – In memory of Irene Mann for the best second generation American born Bull Terrier. A trophy is also given to one owner of the Sire and Dam of the winner. (if an owner is a BTCA member)
7. Movement Trophy
8. Brummagem and Doble Awards (\$100.00) will be awarded to the Four Finalist.

### **B. National Specialty Trophies** (please refer to the premium list for prizes given)

1. National Specialty Best of Breed **George Schreiber Zodiac Bull Terrier Memorial Trophy:** The Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. offers, to members only, the George Schreiber Zodiac Bull Terrier Memorial Trophy, donated by Thomas and Barbara Bishop and Dorothy Cherry, to the owner of the dog or bitch winning Best of Breed. Permanent possession of this trophy goes to the owner winning Best of Breed three consecutive times (not necessarily with the same dog). The name of the winner shall be placed on this trophy each year.
2. National Specialty Best of Variety Colored **James Boland Memorial Trophy:** The Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. offers, to members only, the James Boland Memorial Trophy to the owner of the dog or bitch winning Best of Variety. Permanent possession of this trophy goes to the owner winning Best of Variety (Colored) three consecutive times (not necessarily with the same dog). A James Boland Medallion by Linda Lethin will be given for permanent possession as a memento of the win.

- C.** National Specialty Best of Variety White **Nathaniel F. Emmons Perpetual Trophy:** The Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc offers, to members only, the Nathaniel F. Emmons Perpetual Trophy to the owner of the dog or bitch winning Best of Variety. Permanent possession of this trophy goes to the owner winning Best of Variety White three consecutive times (not necessarily the same dog). A David Merriam Medallion by Linda Lethin will be given for permanent possession as a memento of the win.

### **Brummagem and Doble Awards**

1. AMERICAN-BRED DOG CLASS, 1st - \$25.00 offered in memory of Dr David Harris, Brummagem Bull Terriers, by the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. as Trustee of the Naomi Waynee Bequest
2. AMERICAN-BRED BITCH CLASS, 1st - \$25.00 offered in memory of Dr David Harris, Brummagem Bull Terriers, by the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. as Trustee of the Naomi Waynee Bequest
3. AMERICAN-BRED DOG CLASS, 1st - \$25.00 offered in memory of Dr & Mrs. Howard Doble, by the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. as Trustee of the Norma Brooks Bequest.
4. AMERICAN-BRED BITCH CLASS, 1st - \$25.00 offered in memory of Dr & Mrs. Howard Doble, by the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. as Trustee of the Norma Brooks Bequest

- D. BTCA Specialty Shows** (BTCA provides prizes which the Trophy Chair is responsible for procuring.)

1. Great Western Terrier Association (Golden State BTC weekend)

2. Santa Barbara Kennel Club (Barbary Coast BTC weekend)
  3. Montgomery County Kennel Club
  4. Morris and Essex (every 5th year)
- E. **Regional clubs** hosting BTCA Regional Specialties (also known as “in name only”) will be required to buy the trophies, ribbons, and/or rosettes for the show. These shows also qualify for Brummagem and Doble Awards.
- F. **Isis Vabo Trophy**  
The winner of the Isis Vabo will receive \$500.00 and a polished pewter cup engraved with the dog’s name, year, and Trophy name.

### Trophy Solicitation Chair

The Trophy Solicitation Chair is responsible to secure donations for trophies and prizes for the National Specialty, Silverwood, Futurity, and Sweepstakes.

They will send a trophy donor list to the National Show Chair for inclusion in the show catalogs.

They will follow through with the donations, sending reminders to pay for their donations as soon as possible.

The chair should consult the board for their input on donation amounts for each trophy.

Trophy donations can be paid by check, Zelle or PayPal.

## **AWARDS**

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### **ELIGIBILITY FOR WHO CAN RECEIVE BTCA AWARDS**

All commemorative awards and trophies, with the exception of the Bar Sinister Award, may only be awarded to BTCA members. (June 12, 2015)

A subscription to the AKC Awards will be ordered for Special Awards ROM Chair (06/05/2010)

*Lists of previous recipients are available in The RECORD.*

### **BAR SINISTER AWARD AND MARILYN DREWES AWARD FOR ARTS AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE**

The Bar Sinister Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors. The committee is charged with selecting an individual who meets the qualifications for the Bar Sinister Award and the Marilyn Drewes Award for Arts and Literature.

The Bar Sinister Committee that the Bar Sinister Committee be a committee five (5) persons, including a Board member and four other BTCA members of which one is a general member selected by the Board. The Chair and four of the other committee members are to be past recipients. (11-2022)

The Bar Sinister Chair position is a two (2) year position. The committee will always have a Board member on the committee and if there is not a Bar Sinister recipient on the Board, the Board will appoint a Board representative. The Board will designate the two (2) and three (3) year terms for the remaining committee members. (Revised 2-17-91)

### **BAR SINISTER AWARD**

1. The Bar Sinister Award should be given to breed participants who have made a lifetime or historical contribution to the breed in North America.
2. Candidates may excel in one or a number of the following areas, for example, but not limited to these areas:
  - Administration
  - Breed Ambassadorship
  - Breeding
  - Education
  - Judging
  - Obedience
  - Public Relations
  - Tenure of Service
3. Recipients do not need to be BTCA members as one would assume that full participation in many of the above areas would involve Club membership.
4. The committee will solicit names of potential candidates from the membership. The recipient should be a living or recently deceased person who is currently relevant. The committee should maintain a list of possible candidates with written profiles on each.
5. The award does not need to be given every year. Attempts should be made not to cheapen the award by too frequent presentation.
6. Effort should be made to give only one award a year, but special circumstances may allow for dual presentation.

7. The committee should consist of five (5) individuals selected for their historical perspective and their ability to discreetly discuss the qualifications of the candidates. Four are to be previous recipients.
  8. The committee should attempt to meet in person or via Zoom to select the recipient. The meeting shall be held in executive session. The committee chair will contact the Board officer of their choice and give them the recipient's name in time for the June Board meeting.
  9. The Board of Directors selects the committee members and the chairperson.
  10. The Bar Sinister Chair position be a two (2) year position. That the committee will always have a Board member on the committee and if there is not a Bar Sinister recipient on the Board, then the Board will appoint a Board representative. The Board will a designate the two (2) and three (3) year terms for the remaining committee members.
- The Bar Sinister Chair position be a two (2) year position. That the committee will always have a Board member on the committee and if there is not a Bar Sinister recipient on the Board, then the Board will appoint a Board representative. The Board will a designate the two (2) and three (3) year terms for the remaining committee members.

### **MARILYN DREWES AWARD FOR ARTS AND LITERATURE**

The Marilyn Drewes Award for Arts and Literature was established in 2020 to recognize members who have made a generous contribution through arts, journalism, and literature to the Bull Terrier breed and the BTCA. Qualifications are the same as the Bar Sinister Award.

The committee should attempt to meet in person or via Zoom to select the recipient. The meeting shall be held in executive session. The committee chair will contact the Board officer of their choice and give them the recipient's name in time for the June Board meeting.

### **DAVID MERRIAM LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The David Merriam Lifetime Achievement Award is given to individuals who have served the BTCA above and beyond the criteria for the Bar Sinister Award or have benefitted the BTCA financially. The Board of Directors approves this award.

### **THE AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

"To recognize and encourage behavior, both individual and corporate, that fosters this type of good will and generosity of spirit, to advance **our** Bull Terriers, as far as possible, in the best and most sportsmanlike way possible."

An AKC Good Sportsmanship Award based on the AKC Good Sportsmanship guidelines is in development. The Board approved awarding an Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. A committee of three members shall be appointed. (June 12, 2015)

The appointed committee shall solicit nominations from the membership. The committee should attempt to meet in person or via Zoom to select the recipient. The meeting shall be held in executive session. The committee chair will contact the Board officer of their choice and give them the recipient's name.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

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### RAYMOND OPPENHEIMER STUD DOG TROPHY AND EVA WEATHERILL BROOD BITCH TROPHY

The purpose of these two awards is to select each year the top producing Bull Terrier stud dog and brood bitch based on the performance of his and her offspring in the show ring in the United States and Canada.

Points will be awarded based upon awards of progeny at Silverwood, The National Specialty, and ROM awards. Bronze through Gold levels will not be considered in the calculation of these awards.

The criteria used to select the top producing stud dog and brood bitch are:

1. Each Bull Terrier earning the Recognition of Merit during a given calendar year will earn his or her sire and dam the following points:

First Recognition of Merit Award Winner	10 points
Second Recognition of Merit Award Winner	15 points
Subsequent Recognition of Merit Award Winners	20 points

2. Each Bull Terrier placing in the following categories in the Silverwood Competition will earn his or her sire and dam the following points:

Silverwood Winner	25 points
Runner-Up to Silverwood Winner	20 points
Best of Opposite Sex	15 points
Best of Opposite Variety	15 points
Best White Dog and Bitch	10 points
Reserve Best White Dog and Bitch	5 points
Best Colored Dog and Bitch	10 points
Reserve Best Colored Dog and Bitch	5 points
Finalist	4 points

A Bull Terrier can earn points in only one category in the Silverwood Competition.

3. Each Bull Terrier winning the following classes at the BTCA Specialty Show, following the Silverwood Competition, will earn his or her sire and dam the following points:

Best of Breed	20 points
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed	15 points
Best of Variety and Best of Opposite Sex – Colored	10 points
Winners Dog and Winners Bitch - Colored	5 points
Best of Variety and Best of Opposite Sex – White	10 points
Winners Dog and Winners Bitch – White	5 points

A Bull Terrier can earn points in only one class in the BTCA Specialty Show. If the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed was beaten in the classes by the Best of Variety, then both earn 15 points.

The Stud Dog and Brood Bitch Trophies will be awarded at the Silverwood following the year for which the trophy was won. The winner will be announced in the Spring, and the trophy awarded in the Fall. The responsibility for tabulating the results and announcing the winner rests with the Special Awards Committee of the BTCA Board. Any inquiries or comments concerning the Raymond Oppenheimer Stud Dog Trophy or the Eva Weatherill Brood Bitch Trophy should be addressed to the chairman of this committee.



Revised October 1990 -- Effective January 1, 1991

If the annual Stud Dog or Brood Bitch trophy winners' owners are not BTCA members then the BTCA will only award a certificate. The animal's owner will have the option of purchasing the trophy. (3-8-02)

If the owner(s) of the Stud Dog/Brood Bitch trophy are not a BTCA member they may purchase the trophy and pay for shipping. If the shipping address is not directly to the owner(s) address, there must be a release of liability signed before shipment of the trophy is made (04/24/2022)

### **STUD DOG/BROOD BITCH EMERITUS AWARDS**

These prestigious awards will be given to Stud Dogs with 5 ROM titled offspring and Brood Bitches with 3 ROM titled offspring. Bronze through Gold levels will not be considered in the calculation of these awards.

#### **Stud Dog Emeritus Awards**

This award is presented to all stud dogs with five ROM offspring

#### **Brood Bitch Emeritus Awards**

This award is presented to bitches that have produced 3 ROM offspring or two Silverwood Trophy winners (03-19-05)

Awards will be retroactive to the beginning of the ROM system.

Each animal qualifying will receive a certificate in recognition of this award.

A perpetual list of winners will be printed in the RECORD. (03-19-05)

#### **Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Emeritus plaques – a commemorative plaque will be presented to the Stud Dog Emeritus and Brood Bitch Emeritus awardees.**

Starting in 2015 all new recipients will receive one plaque at no charge. The plaque will be awarded to the BTCA member owner and BTCA member co-owners may purchase a plaque at cost plus shipping. (June 12, 2015)

#### **Stud Dog and Brood Bitch Breeder Award**

The BTCA will award the breeder of the Raymond Oppenheimer Stud Dog, Eva Weatherill Brood Bitch, Stud Dog Emeritus and Brood Bitch Emeritus awardees with a commemorative award designed by the BTCA beginning with the 2015 award recipients. (June 12, 2015)

**TEAM USA**

## **TEAM USA (Needs Updating)**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Netherlands Bull Terrier Club (NBTC) hosts a Championship Show and a Country Competition annually. These shows are held in Leiden, Holland during the month of November.

The Bull Terrier Club of America (BTCA) and its Board of Directors has established the rules of participation of a team from the United States in the Country Competition, compliant with any rules determined by the NBTC for said participation. This Handbook defines the rules of qualification and selection, timelines, committees, points of information and protocols for the team in the Country Competition, as established by the BTCA.

Jurisdiction over any, and all further rules, components of selection and final participation in the competition will be determined by the Board of Directors of the BTCA, who may amend, delete, or add to these rules and components. Although the intention of the BTCA Board, the Team USA Committee, and the Selection Committee is to select the best team possible to represent the United States in the Country Competition each year, there may be years where a team cannot be sent. This may be due to external factors such as airline constraints or acts of war, or internal factors such as, a lack of quality applicants, or the inability to create a full team contingent.

### **THE TEAM USA COMMITTEE**

The logistics to manage all components of the competition require a collaborative effort. The Board of Directors of the BTCA will appoint five individuals to serve as Country Competition Team USA Committee members. The Committee members will serve a two-year term. It is recommended that Committee members have attended the competition in the past and/or plan on attending at least one of the two shows scheduled during their two-year term. Individuals interested in serving for a two-year term must notify their intent to the Executive Secretary of the BTCA at least two weeks prior to the October Board Meeting. The Board will determine the composition of the Committee at the October Board Meeting. Assignment to the Committee will involve the following:

Committee Chair - responsible for the overview of all Committee activities. Specific responsibility is to act as liaison with the NBTC when warranted and between the Board and Selectors, including selection communication, decision-making, timelines, plus appoint any BTCA member to specific assignments or tasks.

Committee Administrator - responsible for all paperwork and timeline processes for participation on the team.

Logistics Administrator - responsible for the coordination of travel information, health certificates, microchip, hotel accommodations and related activities.

Fundraising Coordinator - responsible for all fundraising activities for the year's competition. Allocation of raised funds, as determined by the BTCA Board, will be distributed to team members exhibiting dogs once receipts have been turned in to the BTCA treasurer.

Member at Large - responsible for special assignments and projects as determined by the Committee.

### **COUNTRY COMPETITION FORMAT**

Each country is represented by a Team of eight exhibits: two under 2 years of age on the day of competition in both sexes, and two over 2 years of age on the day of competition, in both sexes.

A panel of three judges determines their placements using a ranking system of 0 to 12 for each exhibit. (11 is not used to avoid the possibility of a tie.)

Final country placements are determined by an aggregate of these individual totals.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION ON THE TEAM**

The exhibit must be:

☑ Owned or co-owned or bred by a BTCA member in good standing ☑ Born in the United States from a dam that was registered with the American Kennel Club on the date of whelping ☑ Shown in the Country Competition

## **THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

Any Bull Terrier whelped in the United States out of a dam that was registered by the AKC at time of whelping and that is owned or co-owned by a BTCA member in good standing, may apply for consideration to be selected for the team.

It should be recognized that prior to submitting an application, the individual, if selected, will be required to commit to attending the Country Competition, barring any unforeseen circumstance, by the August 25th deadline as reflected on page 9 of the Handbook.

Animals may come to the attention of the Selector Committee by:

- Recommendation by a Selector.
- Nomination by any American ROM Judge.
- Special Application which includes the application procedures outlined in this handbook AND being at a show/event to offer the judges/selectors the opportunity to place their hands on the dog/bitch to determine his/her feasibility to participate as a member of the Team. (Team USA Handbook & Application form is in the **index**.)

By June 15, ROM Judge nominated and Special Applicants should submit photograph and Video to the Committee. Photographs should be of Head (face-on and profile), Mouth (front, right & left sides), and full body profile. Format jpeg@300dpi, no larger than 8 x 10, and sent to Chair of the Team USA Committee.

Video- of typical movement, coming, going, and in profile. Committee suggests cell phone video and sent to the Chair of the Team USA Committee.

An Application Form for the Country Competition (see Addendum 3) and required photos/videos must be submitted to the Chair of the Team USA Committee by June 15th. The video and photos submitted must be current, that is, taken/filmed no earlier than 60 days prior to submission (May 15th).

## **THE SELECTION PROCESS: THE SELECTORS**

The Selectors for the Country Competition will serve a one-year term and must be BTCA approved ROM judges as determined by the BTCA.

ROM judges who are interested in participating as Selectors must self-nominate to the designated Chair of the Team USA Committee of the BTCA by September 15<sup>th</sup> each year, prior to the year they wish to be considered as a Selector. Self-nominated judges must recognize that it is expected that they will attend a minimum of three ROM show weekends during the Team Competition year, such that they will have seen as many of the selectees as possible. It is a requirement that all selectors have attended Silverwood and the National Specialty shows the previous year.

The BTCA Board of Directors will approve and announce the Selectors prior to September 30th of each year. The Board will also determine the Chair of the Selection Committee.

## **SELECTION PROCESS: THE DECISIONS**

The Selectors, using the AKC breed standard as their guide, will begin to identify their choices for participation on Team USA, by July 1. The Selectors will submit, to both the Chair of Team USA and the President of the BTCA, a list of the identified recommendations, by August 5.

The Board of Directors of the BTCA will begin the review of the identified recommendations for Team USA, submitted by the Selection Committee, by August 10.

The Board of Directors of the BTCA will finalize approval of the Team by August 15 and will notify both the Chair of Team USA and Selectors of said approval.

The Administrator of the Team USA Committee will then send out letters of notification/invitation to the eight Selectees by August 17.

The Selectees will be required to commit to participation on Team USA by August 25 by returning the written contract agreement.

The Chair of the Team USA Committee will communicate to the President of the BTCA the list of confirmed participants. The President of the BTCA will then release the Team USA information to the BTCA Membership, prior to September 1st.

### **WAYS AND MEANS**

The Ways and Means committee is charged with responsibility for annual fundraising.

The annual fundraising goal for the Ways & Means Committee is the amount of \$20,000. (10/24/2011)

### **RESCUE WELFARE TRUST**

The original Charter of the Rescue and Welfare Trust Fund of the Bull Terrier Club of America states that the BTCA Board deemed it appropriate and necessary to establish a special Fund to be held in trust for the purpose of funding, in whole or in part, the purposes of RWTF as further defined in the Charter. The Charter sets forth Trust Funding & Trustee Criteria, Definition of Board Oversight and Trustees Responsibilities.

The Trust is governed by seven trustees whom are elected by a majority vote of the BTCA Board. The Rescue Coordinator shall always be the Chairperson of the Trust and one of the remaining six Trustees shall be a past or current member of the BTCA Board and the remaining members must be members of the BTCA. Each Trustee shall serve a term of two years and no more than three consecutive two-year terms, exception is the Rescue Coordinator (Chairman).

A Financial Advisory Committee and FCI Advisors sets the Fund's portfolio investment percentages. These percentages are currently rated as conservative to moderate as accepted by the Trustees.

The procedure to withdraw funds from the Fund's Investment Account requires obtaining approval from the following groups before making a request to draw: (1) RWTF Investment Committee; (2) a majority of RWTF Trustees and (3) approval from the majority of the BTCA directors. The approval must be acquired by E-Signature.

Information for the Rescue Welfare Trust Fund can be found on the BTCA Website. ([www.btca.com](http://www.btca.com))

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# Congratulations on your new

*The Bull Terrier Club of America welcomes you to the wonderful world of Bull Terriers. Information is readily available to help your Bull Terrier become a good citizen and family companion.*

## Bull Terrier Puppy!



### History of the Breed

The Bull Terrier as we know it today was developed by breeder James Hinks in England. He exhibited his Bull Terrier at a Birmingham show in May 1862. The Bull Terrier gained in popularity at that time and has continued to delight their owners and admirers throughout the years. Through careful selective breeding the Bull Terrier has today developed into a companion animal and much loved family pet.



More in depth history of the Bull Terrier is widely available on the Internet and in many books on the subject. We encourage you to learn about the history of the Bull Terrier in order to understand the uniqueness of our breed.



### Breed Characteristics

A typical Bull Terrier is active, interested, playful, clownish, stubborn and very attached to their family. Because they display these traits, obedience and socialization classes are important for both the Bull Terrier puppy and adult. Proper training will provide good manners, socialization skills and enhance your relationship with your Bull Terrier. When searching for a trainer or class, contact a Bull Terrier club or kennel club in your area. A list of regional Bull Terrier clubs is provided on the BTCA website. (see below)

The Bull Terrier must be handled with patience while learning good manners. Young Bull Terriers can be very rambunctious. They must be taught not to jump, nip or grab when playing. Many Bull Terriers enjoy performance training such as obedience and agility. The American Kennel Club offers a Canine Good Citizen Award for owners who qualify with their Bull Terriers. Check with your regional Bull Terrier or kennel club to learn more about the Canine Good Citizen Award. A well-mannered Bull Terrier is a good ambassador for the breed.



# Identification

Accidents can happen! Your Bull Terrier may escape from you or your yard. It is important for your pet to have permanent identification. A microchip is the most reliable. The chip is injected under the skin between the shoulders. When you register the chip number with the appropriate agency, your Bull Terrier can be easily identified if he is lost, stolen, or if there is a question of ownership. Tattoos are another method of identification. Either or both of these methods are recommended, along with a collar and tag with your contact information.

Confining and controlling your Bull Terrier is a must. Many Bull Terriers will chase cats, rodents, birds, squirrels and other animals. If your Bull Terrier is left unsupervised and roams free, they may get into trouble and could be involved in an altercation with another animal and possibly blamed or injured. Protect your Bull Terrier by always having them under control. Always walk them on a leash. AKC Reunite “Lost and Found” recovery service option is available with AKC Registration. For more information, see

[www.akcreunite.org](http://www.akcreunite.org)



# Care & Housing

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Every Bull Terrier should have a crate. Crate training is essential and can be a haven for your Bull Terrier. It is always the safest place for your Bull Terrier when you are out of the house or busy with projects, especially if you have other animals. The crate should not be used as punishment. It is a tool for keeping your pet safe. The crate is a comfortable place for your Bull Terrier as they will seek the safety and security of their “den”. Since Bull Terriers like to be part of the family activities, you may prefer to have their crate in an area of the house such as the family or TV room. When traveling by car, your Bull Terrier should always be in a crate, for your safety and theirs. You will have peace of mind knowing your pet is safe and out of harm’s way in your home and in your car.



Bull Terriers have a very strong urge to chew so it is of particular importance to carefully choose appropriate toys. Look for those that claim to be the “toughest” and always supervise play. Bull Terriers may ingest other items they consider as “toys” such as socks, underwear, pieces of blanket, various forms of rubber, plastic and especially children’s toys. Any of these items can cause an obstruction or blockage in the digestive tract. This is a **SERIOUS** situation. If you notice symptoms such as depression, lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea or lack of appetite, contact your veterinarian immediately.



# Health

Studies have found that early spay and neuter may cause health problems in dogs. This does not mean you should never spay or neuter your Bull Terrier. There are some benefits to spay or neuter, but before considering either of these surgeries on a young Bull Terrier, be sure to discuss the pros and cons with your breeder and your veterinarian.

Bull Terriers that meet the breed standard, approved by both the BTCA and the AKC, may be worthy of breeding. If you consider breeding and showing your dog, we encourage you to join a regional Bull Terrier club or AKC all breed club. Showing your Bull Terrier is an enjoyable sport that brings together those who share your same interest.

If you decide to breed your Bull Terrier, they should be health tested. The following tests are recommended for both male and female Bull Terriers:

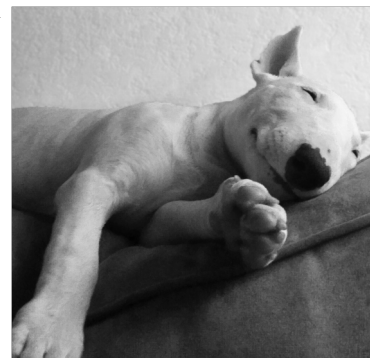
- Deafness: BAER Test
- Kidney Function: Urine/Protein Creatinine Ratio
- Heart: Echocardiogram by a Cardiac Specialist
- Skin allergies: Exam by your Veterinarian
- Patella Luxation: Exam by your Veterinarian

Breeding healthy dogs requires a study of genetics along with canine structure and movement. It also requires a commitment of time, work and money. All AKC registered dogs are eligible to compete in obedience, rally, agility and barn hunts. However, only intact dogs (not spayed or neutered) are eligible for conformation events where points are awarded toward a Championship.

White Bull Terriers should be all white, head markings are permissible, any colored marks beyond the collar are considered a fault. Eyes as dark as possible and nose black. Colored Bull Terriers must be predominately colored, with dark eyes and black nose also. There are no designer or rare colors or patterns in Bull Terriers. Merle is **not** a registrable color, Blue's and Liver's are **highly undesirable** due to health concerns associated with dilute coloration.

The BTCA supports health research through the AKC Canine Health Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization whose mission is to help dogs live longer, healthier lives. For more information, see

[www.akcchf.org](http://www.akcchf.org)



## For More Information

Please consider joining the Bull Terrier Club of America as well as a Bull Terrier club in your area. There are many regional clubs across the country with members who are available to help with any questions you may have. They offer many activities for both you and your Bull Terrier and are a great way to meet other Bull Terrier owners. Remember, your breeder is a valuable source of information. Please visit the Bull Terrier Club of America website at

[www.btca.com](http://www.btca.com)

where you will find the *Illustrated Standard of the Bull Terrier* and information for the health and welfare of your Bull Terrier.

For Lost or Found Bull Terriers contact the Rescue And Welfare Trust Fund of the Bull Terrier Club of America  
Hotline:

**1 (800) BTBT 911 (282-8911)**

Welcome to the world of Bull Terriers. Thank you for registering your dog with the American Kennel Club.

BTCA Corresponding Secretary

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**THE BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

(Note: Print Application through browser)

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date received \_\_\_\_\_  
First Reading\_ Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment Type:  
Check \_\_\_\_\_  
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Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

I/We the undersigned wish to apply for membership to THE BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, Inc.

APPLICANT(S) NAME(S)\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_CITY\_\_\_\_\_STATE\_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY\_\_\_\_\_POSTAL ZIP Code\_\_\_\_\_Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail ADDRESS

I/We agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of THE BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. and the rules of THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB. I/we do not advocate or participate in any form of inhumane treatment of any animal. This includes fighting, pitting, rolling or any other activities of such nature.

I have read and accept the precepts in the BTCA Code of Ethics revised 6/29/19 and the Standard of Conduct.

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_DATE\_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_DATE\_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORS: Applicant(s) must be sponsored by two members in good standing of THE BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, Inc.**

SPONSOR SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_ (PRINTNAME)

SPONSOR SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_ (PRINTNAME)

FEES: FULL payment of application fees must accompany this application. Applicants must send a check or Money Order in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. BANK, payable to the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. Payments via MasterCard or VISA are accepted.

**RESIDENTS OF UNITED STATES, CANADA & MEXICO CHECK ONE**

- \$80.00 SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (INCLUDES \$20.00 BARKS POSTAGE)
- \$85.00 COUPLE MEMBERSHIP (JOINT TWO MEMBER HOUSEHOLD) (INCLUDES \$20.00 BARKS POSTAGE)

**RESIDENTS OF ALL OTHER COUNTRIES CHECK ONE**

- \$100.00 SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (INCLUDES \$40.00 BARKS POSTAGE)
- \$105.00 COUPLE MEMBERSHIP (JOINT TWO MEMBER HOUSEHOLD) (INCLUDES \$40.00 BARKS POSTAGE)

**APPLICATION FOR SPOUSE OF CURRENT MEMBER**

- \$25.00 (SPOUSE MUST FOLLOW NORMAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL APPLICATION FEES ENCLOSED. (PLEASE U.S. FUNDS ONLY)

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WITHOUT CORRECT FEES OR UNSIGNED STANDARD OF CONDUCT WILL BE RETURNED**

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Applicant(s) are presented once for consideration at the Spring or Summer General membership meeting then voted on at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP (OCTOBER). A new member packet will be mailed to you in November. A Dues notice will be sent out in September of the year membership commences. Notice: application fees cannot be refunded

**APPLICANTS will receive BARKS during the application process. If a copy of the RECORD is desired, it must be purchased.**

**SEND APPLICATION AND FEES (Payable to BTCA Inc.)**

**Send to:**

Carolyn Patterson  
BTCA Executive Secretary  
2516 West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Mission Hills, KS 66208 USA

Authorization is given to charge membership fees to credit card number below

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature x \_\_\_\_\_

The Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. is a Tennessee non-profit mutual benefit corporation.

## **CODE OF ETHICS AND STANDARD OF CONDUCT**

This Code of Ethics and Standard of Conduct are an addendum to the BTCA, Inc. Membership Application. It must be signed and submitted with your application.

### **REVISED CODE OF ETHICS – 6/29/19**

**Ethical Statements - BTCA members should always act ethically in their actions with their dogs, fellow fanciers, the public, puppy buyers and co-owners. (Ethics deals with conduct, not morals. It governs individual and group behavior, emphasizing strong principles, placing high value on honesty, fairness, justice, kindness, dignity and chivalry. It cannot be effectively governed, but can be impressed through community emphasis).**

#### **Commitment Statement for BTCA members:**

- I will keep the integrity and welfare of the breed as my first and foremost concern.
- I will not in any way misrepresent, mislead or be fraudulent.
- I will never place monetary gain over the welfare of my Bull Terriers, those that I have bred or sold.
- I will advertise honestly.
- I will be open to discussing existing and potential defects in my stock with those persons interested in the health and welfare of my Bull Terriers.
- I will make myself available to assist/mentor novices and the general public with information concerning Bull Terriers.
- I will conduct myself in the same manner that I would like to be treated.

**Commitment Statement for Owners:** The following are examples of, but are not limited to, recommended ethical behavior of good owners. As I endeavor to be an ethical Bull Terrier owner:

- I will appreciate the unique nature of the Bull Terrier and I will strive to provide responsible care at all times.
- I will maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and care.
- I will take all practical precautions to ensure that my dog does not escape and is not stolen. Additionally,
- I will communicate these great concerns of escape and theft to puppy buyers, as well as people who are interested in Bull Terriers in general.
- I will conduct myself with kindness and dignity, whether it be a face-to-face encounter or on a social media setting.

**Recommendations to Breeders – Breeders have a substantial obligation to buyers, to the public, to the animals used in a breeding program, and to the animals produced from those breedings. It should be recognized that these obligations are profound and that individual choices made in breeding can affect the future of the breed as a whole. The following are examples of, but not limited to, recommended ethical behavior of good breeders. Ethical practices include: being knowledgeable of and up to date on currently available anecdotal and scientific information relative to breeding dogs, and those specific issues facing Bull Terriers. Education and recommendations by the BTCA Board of Directors and the BTCA Health Committee will continue to be updated and made available.**

#### **I understand that it is recommended that:**

- I will only breed Bull Terriers that display sound and balanced temperament. I will not breed any Bull Terrier that displays unpredictable aggression towards humans, or uncontrollable dominant aggressive behavior to other dogs, as well as any other animals. I further will not breed Bull Terriers with obsessive-compulsive disorders or other neurological disorders, such as seizures, spinning, tail chasing, air snapping, shadow or fly chasing, chest or flank sucking.
- I will only have litters when responsible care can be provided in raising the puppies, and when responsible homes are available.
- I will plan each breeding with the advancement and preservation of the breed as my primary goal.
- I will consider the health and well-being of the bitch when determining the frequency of breeding.
- I will not breed a bitch if it would knowingly compromise the health of the bitch. This will include ensuring not breeding any bitch prior to the third (3rd) season or two years of age.

- I will be honest and forthright to inform other breeders, involved in a mating of a bitch to a stud dog, of any potential or produced serious genetic problems related to the bitch or the dog.
- I will be responsible for the placement of puppies afflicted with known serious genetic health defects only into non-breeding homes and after full disclosure of the condition, or in euthanizing them if the condition so warrants.
- I will offer a stud dog contract with each breeding, outlining the lifetime responsibility of the owner of the brood bitch in the placement and care of the resulting puppies.
- I will act responsibly toward all puppies produced by my own bitch or stud dog for the lifetime of the puppies. This includes puppies born to bitches under breeding terms. Responsible involvement would include re-homing the puppy or assisting in that re-homing process. The expected financial involvement up to the original contract of sale. Members in good standing who comply with the BTCA Code of Ethics may look to the Club and its resources for support and assistance in re-homing Bull Terriers in need.

Puppy Placement: I will sell or place Bull Terriers only when confident that the buyer will provide responsible and humane care. This can be accomplished by means which include:

- Inspection of each puppy's home facilities – either personally or by a local representative. My puppy's home should have adequate availability of exercise which may include a fenced yard, other secure enclosure, or availability of other frequent exercise means. I will ensure that potential owners are prepared to provide age-appropriate care throughout the day.
- I will check references, especially local veterinarians. Other references I may check could include neighbors and co-workers, or family members outside the home.
- I will strongly encourage new owners to enroll in puppy kindergarten and socialization classes and/or manners classes.
- I will provide a written contract of sale which outlines the expectations of both myself as the breeder/seller and the buyer.

Contracts: I understand that the BTCA strongly recommends that the contract between breeders/seller and the new owners include provisions in the following areas:

- AKC registration – Puppies not to be used in my breeding program should be sold on Limited Registration. As the breeder, this is a reversible option. I will encourage all buyers of puppies/dogs ~~to~~ to become BTCA members, as well as their regional BT club.
- Warranty – Warranty terms and specific conditions under which the buyer may receive consideration should be outlined in my contract. The BTCA recommends a minimum one-year term.
- Code of Ethics – I will review the BTCA Code of Ethics with each prospective new owner. My contract of sale should include a copy of the Code of Ethics.
- Return/re-homing – I will be willing to take back or assist in re-homing puppies and/or adult dogs that I have sold/placed because of situations or circumstances that have changed in the life of the buyer. The BTCA suggests a written contract for each puppy that I sell or place requesting that the puppy must be returned to me and the terms under which it is returned. I agree that I will be responsible for placing any dog/puppy returned to me into an appropriate home, or keep that puppy/dog myself. Furthermore, if I am the owner of the sire, I recognize that I have a shared responsibility in the well-being and safety of any puppies produced by my dog.
- I will explain to prospective owners their obligations regarding Bull Terriers, especially protection from theft or accidental loss. I will follow up with puppy/dog owners and provide consultation when requested or indicated.
- I will tattoo/or microchip all Bull Terriers before registering, selling or placing them. I understand that the BTCA recommends DNA profiling of all Bull Terriers. These identifications should be registered with the AKC and any applicable registry. Registration will include my (the breeder's) and the new owners' contact information.

Rules – The following defined behaviors are enforceable by the disciplinary provisions of the By-laws of the BTCA. And I further understand that as a BTCA member I am required to adhere to these rules:

- I will become familiar with, and abide by, the rules of the AKC.
- I will act with responsible and courteous behavior, both with fellow members and the public, as a representative of the Bull Terrier breed and the BTCA. This includes having control of my Bull Terrier at all times and cleaning up after my dog(s) in public places. This also means leaving public places, including hotels, in the same condition in which they were found.

- I will keep accurate records and pedigrees.
- I will not engage in any fight-related activities.
- I will not breed or become party to the breeding of a Bull Terrier for the wholesaling of litters or selling to such places as pet dealers, catalog houses, or other commercial sources of distribution, laboratory facilities or auctions.
- I will exhibit good Sportsmanship at all dog-related activities (see AKC Code of Sportsmanship).
- I will not disparage other owners, exhibitors, breeders or their dogs.
- I will only engage in behavior that is in accord with the accepted standards of the BTCA community. As a member of the BTCA community, I will not engage in bullying, harassing or unacceptable (disorderly conduct) behavior toward other person(s) or creature (s). Bullying is defined by repeated inappropriate behavior, direct or indirect, whether verbal, gesture, physical or otherwise conducted by one person or persons against another person or persons. This includes but is not limited to: Cyber-bullying – (using an electronic device or social networking sites to intimidate harass, gossip, demean or harm by emailing, texting, posting or sending messenger photos) is considered prejudicial to good sportsmanship and detrimental to the community at large. I will not communicate in a false or misleading manner by means of electronic devices. I understand this behavior makes the club, as a whole, less desirable. It is harmful to the whole community. I understand that substantiated and proven claims of the above may result in suspension of my club membership. I understand there will be a Zero-tolerance policy.

#### BTCA Code of Ethics- Health Testing Recommendations Appendix

*The following represents a basic minimally responsible approach to the application of screening health tests which should be employed by responsible BTCA breeder members. These recommendations represent the current best understanding of these issues at the time of this current revision. As greater understanding of these issues become available, these guidelines will be revised to reflect the then current recommendation regarding these health issues, including adding specific guidelines and recommendations to the Appendix as the progression of science dictates. It is being both responsible and optimally educated that gets us to our end goal. The breeding of purebred dogs is not an exact science. It is not always possible to prevent the occurrence of inherited diseases, as there are not yet definitive tests to identify carriers of all the genetic diseases in our breed. A breeder's obligation with regard to genetic diseases is to make every effort to prevent their occurrence and share openly and honestly all information available regarding the genetic health status of his/her dogs. While elimination of genetic diseases is a worthy goal, the converse is that excessive culling of animals from the gene pool may have the equally deleterious effect of limiting the gene pool in the breed. Breeders should be cautious about removing animals from the breeding pool solely because they are distantly related to an affected individual. Responsible breeding also should always be intent upon eliminating adverse characteristics – cosmetic, health, or temperament. Testing should be viewed as a means to this goal. Breeders should be able to provide proof that their breeding stock has been checked for hearing, heart, kidney and patella related issues.*

Great care and concern should be exercised when breeding animals that have a non-life-threatening genetic problem. The point of the health screening tests is to help identify animals which have both desirable qualities and an undesirable health issue, to allow their qualities to be passed on to offspring and to remove offspring which exhibit the undesirable health issue. By using only the resulting normal offspring for subsequent breeding, we attempt to clear the "gene pool" of affected breeding stock in as few generations as possible. This technique is the only tool we have at present. With this in mind, the BTCA strongly recommends the following:

Bitches should be health tested before each breeding or at least annually, and annually for each stud dog. Minimally, these tests should include a physical examination, a screening for parasites and evaluation of the following specific areas:

Heart – An internist and/or cardiologist should auscultate all breeding animals. Optimally all breeding animals should have a color Doppler/echo cardiogram. All murmurs should be followed by a color Doppler/echocardiogram evaluation.

Kidney – A urine sample should be checked for the protein/creatinine ratio. This test is called UPC (Urine Protein Creatinine ratio). All breeding dogs should be checked annually and bitches before each breeding. The recommended UPC should be <0.5.

Hearing – A BAER (Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response) test should be done on all puppies before the puppy leaves for a new home. This result is usually stable throughout the life of the dog. It is recommended that all animals used for breeding should be BAER tested and have bilateral hearing. No bilaterally deaf dogs should ever be bred.

Patella – Checked by palpitation, looking for luxation. Palpations are rated as No Luxation or luxation scored 1- 4 (1 is slight and 4 is severe). Preferably, all breeding animals should be free of patella luxation.

Lethal Acrodermatitis - It is recommended that both dogs and bitches be screened for LAD. It is a simple cheek swab that can be done by the owner of the bitch or stud dog and submitted to PennGen for results. You can locate the LAD test, registration, order swabs and instructions on where to submit the samples at:

<https://www.vet.upenn.edu/research/academic-departments/clinical-sciences-advanced-medicine/research-labs-centers/penngen/penngen-tests>.

Immune Mediated Disorders – Bull Terriers may exhibit low grade (non-life-threatening) immune dysfunction. The best current veterinary advice suggests that this may exhibit itself in primarily two ways. These are 1) allergy – either food related or environmental allergies (like allergy to grass) and 2) low-normal thyroid function. Animals who exhibit these traits should only be bred to animals that do not. Consult your local vet if you have questions.

The BTCA will provide a member password protected space on the parent website health pages for members to voluntarily post LAD status, cardiac status, BAER (hearing) status etc.. These test results will not be substantiated by the BTCA; therefore, the BOD suggests consulting the breeders/posters for original copies of these tests preceding breeding decisions.

## **BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA STANDARD OF CONDUCT**

### **General**

As a BTCA member,

1. I will be responsible to be familiar with the BREED STANDARD and keep the integrity and welfare of the breed as my first and foremost concern.
2. I will appreciate the unique nature of the Bull Terrier and will provide responsible care at all times.
3. I will act with responsible and courteous behavior privately and publicly as a representative of the Bull Terrier breed and the BTCA.

This includes:

- Having control of my Bull Terrier at all times
  - Cleaning up after my dog in public places
  - Leaving public facilities, including hotels in the same condition in which they were found
4. I will become familiar with and abide by the rules of the AKC. I will not in any way misrepresent, mislead or be fraudulent.
  5. The appearance of my dog(s) will not be altered in any way that is not in accord with AKC regulations.
  6. I will keep accurate records and pedigrees.
  7. I will never place monetary gain over the welfare of Bull Terriers that I breed and sell.
  8. I will sell or place Bull Terriers only after I am convinced that the buyer will provide responsible and humane care.
  9. When selling puppies, I will provide a written agreement of sale as a protection for both the buyer and the seller. This agreement will assure the wellbeing and health of each puppy. If the puppy is not to be used for breeding, the limited registration option of the AKC registration certificate should be utilized. This is reversible at the breeder's option.
  10. I will advertise honestly. I will be open to discussing existing and potential defects in my own stock with all persons interested in the health and welfare of my Bull Terriers.
  11. I will maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness, and care, abiding by state and local laws.
  12. I will not engage in any fight related activities.

13. I will give to and go over a copy of the Standard of Conduct with each new owner. My agreement of sale will include an agreement to abide by the Standard of Conduct.

**Breeder: Brood Bitch and Stud Dog**

1. I will produce Bull Terrier puppies only to improve the breed and only when responsible care can be provided in raising the puppies and they can be placed in homes also providing responsible care.
2. We recommend not breeding any bitch until she is mature. I will consider the health and well being of the bitch when determining the frequency of breeding. I will not breed if it knowingly compromises the health of the bitch.
3. I will avoid breeding or being party to the breeding of a Bull Terrier for the wholesaling of litters or selling to such places as pet dealers, catalogue houses, or other commercial sources of distribution or laboratory facilities.
4. I will avoid participating in breedings of Bull Terriers that will knowingly perpetuate any of the following genetic problems: hip dysplasia, zinc metabolism syndrome, luxating patellas, pyloric dysfunction, severe atopy (allergies), entropion (ingrown eyelids), renal disease, deafness, heart disease or any other known genetic defect which can be harmful to the Bull Terrier.
5. It is recommended that prior to breeding all animals are screened and certified to be free of the aforementioned conditions
6. I will be honest and forthright in informing any breeders interested in using their bitch to my stud of any serious genetic problems either potential or produced in litters sire by the stud dog.
7. I will avoid breeding any Bull Terrier which displays unpredictable aggression towards humans or does not demonstrate sound behavior or balanced temperament.
8. I will encourage tattooing, micro chipping, and DNA profiling of all puppies and adults and the registration of such identification.
9. I will explain to prospective owners their obligations regarding Bull Terriers and will provide consultation upon request.
10. I will act responsibly toward all puppies produced by my bitch or stud dog for the lifetime of the puppies. This includes puppies born to bitches under breeding terms.
11. I will be responsible for the placement of puppies afflicted with genetic defects into non-breeding homes only.

**I have read and agree to the above Code of Ethics revised 6/29/19 and the Standard of Conduct.**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date





Written Acceptance for Lifetime Membership

My signature below acknowledges to the Bull Terrier Club of America and its members that I would accept lifetime membership into the BTCA. I understand that this membership holds all the same rights as any other membership except for the ability to run for and hold the office of President.



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Printed Name

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Signature

Date

This page must accompany the petition submitted to the BTCA Board of Directors

## VERSATILITY AWARD Matriix

VA - 5 points total from 3 different categories including 1 CORE Title

VAX - 10 points total from 4 different categories including 1 CORE Title

### CORE Titles

All legs and titles in the Core sports categories need to be earned in person, and not virtually.

Categories of Achievement	Points
<b>Agility (AKC, NADAC, USDAA &amp; UKC)</b>	<b>2 Pts. per Level</b>
Novice, JWW	2
Open, Time2Beat, JWW	2
Excellent, JWW	2
Masters & Above	2
<b>Barn Hunt (ABHA)</b>	
Novice (RATN)	1
Open (RATO)	1
Senior (RATS) and Above	2
<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>1 Pt. Maximum</b>
AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC)	1/2
AKC Community Canine Advanced (CGCA)	1/2
AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen (CGCU)	1/2
AKC Farm Dog (FDC)	1/2
AKC or ATTS Temperament Test (TT)	1/2
<b>Conformation</b>	
AKC Championship (CH)	2
AKC Grand Championship (GCH)	2
BTCA ROM	2
Foreign Championship	1
<b>Obedience</b>	
Beginner Novice (BN) and Preferred Novice (PCD)	1
Novice (CD)	2
Graduate Novice (GN)	1
Open (CDX) or Preferred Open (PCDX)	2
Graduate Open (GO)	1
Utility (UD), or Preferred Utility	2
<b>Rally</b>	
Rally Novice (RN)	1
Rally Intermediate (RI)	1
Rally Advanced (RA)	2
Rally Excellent (RE)	2
Rally Masters (RM)	2
<b>Scent Work (NACSW &amp; AKC)</b>	<b>2 Pts. per Level Maximum, except Elite /Masters</b>

NW1, SWN	2
NW2, SWA	2
NW3, SWE	2
Elite (NACSW) and above	3
Masters (AKC) and above	3
Element Titles	1/2
<b>Therapy</b>	
Therapy Dog Certification (TDI)	1
AKC Therapy Dog Novice (10 visits) (THDN)	1
AKC Therapy Dog (50 visits) (THD)	1
AKC Therapy Dog Advanced (100 visits) (THDA)	1
AKC Therapy Dog Excellent (200 visits) (THDX)	2
<b>Tracking /Search and Recovery</b>	
Tracking Dog (TD) 20 acre recovery	2
Urban Tracking Dog (TDU), 40 acre recovery	2
Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX), cadaver/water certification	3
Variable Surface Tracking Dog (VST)	3
<b>Miscellaneous Sports</b>	
<b>4 Pts. Maximum</b>	
<b>NOTE - The Miscellaneous Sports Group is considered as a single category.</b>	
<b>Coursing</b>	
Coursing Ability (CA)	1
Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA)	1
Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX) or Above	1
BCAT, DCAT, FCAT	1
<b>Dock Diving (NADD)</b>	
Novice	1
Junior	1
Senior	1
<b>Flyball (NAFA)</b>	
Flyball Dog	1
Flyball Dog Excellent (FDX)	1
Flyball Dog Champion (FDCh)	1
<b>Herding</b>	
Any Title Beyond Instinct	2
<b>Trick Dog</b>	
Intermediate (TKI)	1/2
Advanced (TKA)	1
Performer (TKP) and above	1

# Bull Terrier Club of America Show Request Form

## Regional Club Name

Submits the following as its request for shows for the Year

Today's Date

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### SHOW #1 INFORMATION:

Show Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Show Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Show Type: (Circle up to 2)  Supported  Independent  Evening  Concurrent  Designated  
 All-Breed  Specialty  Specialty  Specialty  Specialty

Do You Require: "IN THE NAME OF BTCA" Support  Yes  No Doble  Yes  No Brummagem  Yes  No

ROM Points  Yes  No Sweepstakes  Yes  No SWEEPS Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Show Location: (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have written/contract Acceptance?  Yes  No.

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### SHOW #2 INFORMATION:

Show Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Show Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Show Type: (Circle up to 2)  Supported  Independent  Evening  Concurrent  Designated  
 All-Breed  Specialty  Specialty  Specialty  Specialty

Do You Require: "IN THE NAME OF BTCA" Support  Yes  No Doble  Yes  No Brummagem  Yes  No

ROM Points  Yes  No Sweepstakes  Yes  No SWEEPS Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Show Location: (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have written/contract Acceptance?  Yes  No.

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### SHOW #3 INFORMATION:

Show Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Show Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Show Type: (Circle up to 2)  Supported  Independent  Evening  Concurrent  Designated  
 All-Breed  Specialty  Specialty  Specialty  Specialty

Do You Require: "IN THE NAME OF BTCA" Support ✓ Yes ✓ No Doble ✓ Yes ✓ No Brummagem ✓ Yes ✓ No

ROM Points ✓ Yes ✓ No Sweepstakes ✓ Yes ✓ No SWEEPS Judge: \_\_\_\_\_.

Show Location: (Address) \_\_\_\_\_.

Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_.

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ . Do you have written/contract Acceptance? ✓ Yes ✓ No.

**SHOW #4 INFORMATION:**

Show Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Show Name: \_\_\_\_\_.

Show Type: (Circle up to 2) ✓ Supported ✓ Independent ✓ Evening ✓ Concurrent ✓ Designated  
All-Breed Specialty Specialty Specialty Specialty

Do You Require: "IN THE NAME OF BTCA" Support ✓ Yes ✓ No Doble ✓ Yes ✓ No Brummagem ✓ Yes ✓ No

ROM Points ✓ Yes ✓ No Sweepstakes ✓ Yes ✓ No SWEEPS Judge: \_\_\_\_\_.

Show Location: (Address) \_\_\_\_\_.

Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_.

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ . Do you have written/contract Acceptance? ✓ Yes ✓ No.

**Brummagem and/or Doble Award:** If it will be added to your show/s this year, specific wording clearly stating as such will need to be added in print to both the Show Catalog and the Premium List. This also applies to All-Breed show catalogs when supported specialties are held in conjunction with the all-breed clubs. For reference all the pertinent information, as well as examples, can be directly obtained from the attached page labeled "Doble/Brummagem Info Sheet" shown on page 3.

**Show request Form Deadlines:** Show Request deadlines can be found on page 4 of this form.

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Also, please fill in the following Officers for your club. **Form cannot be processed without this section being completed, be sure to INCLUDE BOTH PHONE AND EMAIL.**

When/what Month are your elections held? \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly (or) Bi-Yearly? \_\_\_\_\_.

President:

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_.

Show Chairman:

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_.

Secretary:

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_.

Treasurer:

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_.

Trophy Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_.

Welfare Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please send this completed form to:**

[mbarnes.btca@gmail.com](mailto:mbarnes.btca@gmail.com)

Meghan Barnes

BTCA Regional Show Chair

## **DOBLE/BRUMMAGEM INFO SHEET:**

### **Info, Funds, and Reimbursement**

**(This page DOES NOT need to be returned to Reg. Show Chair)**

Each regional club can designate on the yearly BTCA Show Request Form, one show per year at which to give the Doble Award and/or Brummagem Award. The show-giving club must list the following language for each award in the premium list and catalog for the show:

#### **-Doble Wording-**

The awards are given to the White Dog and White Bitch that wins the American Bred Class at a Specialty or Supported Show.

**American Bred Dog, 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25 cash offered in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Doble by the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. as Trustee of the Norma Brooks Bequest**

**American Bred Bitch, 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25 cash offered in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Doble by the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. as Trustee of the Norma Brooks Bequest**

The BTCA will award the Doble prizes at all of its Specialties.

#### **-Brummagem Wording-**

The awards are given to the Colored Dog and Colored Bitch that wins the American Bred Class at a Specialty or Supported Show.

**Colored American Bred Dog, 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25 cash offered in memory of Dr. David Harris, Brummagem Bull Terriers, by the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. as Trustee of the Naomi Waynee Bequest.**

**Colored American Bred Bitch, 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25 cash offered in memory of Dr. David Harris, Brummagem Bull Terriers, by the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. as Trustee of the Naomi Waynee Bequest.**

The BTCA will award the Brummagem prizes at all of its Specialties.

**Funding/Reimbursement:** In order to streamline the process, we are asking the regional clubs to provide the money for both the **Doble**, as well as the **Brummagem Awards**. If the awards are won at your shows, please send an email asking for reimbursement to BTCA treasurer Gene Hains [gaidoune23@yahoo.com](mailto:gaidoune23@yahoo.com)



Dear Regional Club Officers/Members,

Please be aware that in order for ROM points to be able to be awarded, and for your show to participate in the “BTCA Regional Club Sponsorship” program that offers supplemental money to regional clubs for their shows on a rotational and/or “as needed basis” you need to have your show requests submitted in a prompt and timely manner.

The specifics of the program was outlined in the "Response to the Regional Club meeting" email sent by the Board to all the Regional Clubs on December 21, 2018, it outlined that if your show/event falls between Jan-June you must submit your clubs “Show Request Forms” for the first half of the next year’s show schedule/season by February 20 (the year before the show) into the Regional Show Chair So that they can be processed and submitted for approval at the annual March 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting.

Likewise, Show Request Forms for the shows that fall in the second half of next year’s show schedule/season (July-Dec) are to be submitted in by May 20 (the year before the Show) into the Regional Show Chair So that they can be processed and submitted for approval at the June 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting, in order to be eligible and participate.

Thank you for your assistance.

## BTCA Show Request Deadlines

Clubs <u>Due In By Feb 20</u> to the Regional Show Chair (The Year Prior)	Clubs <u>Due In By May 20</u> to the Regional Show Chair (The Year Prior)
Orange Coast BTC	Texas Gulf Coast BTC
BTC of Tampa Bay	BTC of Canada
BTC of Central Arizona	Buckeye BTC
BTC of St. Louis	Orange Coast BTC
Central New Jersey BTC	BTC of Niagara Frontier
BTC of Dallas	Mile High BTC
Barbary Coast BTC	BTC of Metro Detroit
BTC of the Southeast	Hatboro Dog Club: Central New Jersey BTC
BTC of Philadelphia	Devon Dog Show: BTC of Philadelphia
BT Fanciers Association (CAN)	Montgomery County KC, Alternates between: BTC of Philadelphia & Central New Jersey BTC
Fort Dearborn BTC/ Illiana BT Fanciers (Combined Show)	Knickerbocker BTC
BTC of New England	
Golden State BTC	
Golden Triangle BTC	



## REQUEST FOR BRUMMAGEM REIMBURSEMENT

Club:

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Show:

Show Date:

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**Awarded to: (1<sup>st</sup> American Bred Colored Dog)**

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**Awarded to: (1<sup>st</sup> American Bred Colored Bitch)**

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Submit copy of premium list or catalog page where Brummagem is listed.

1st - American Bred Dog - \$25 cash offered in memory of Dr. David Harris, Brummagem Bull Terriers, by the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc., as Trustee of the Naomi Wayne Bequest.

1st - American Bred Bitch - \$25 cash offered in memory of Dr. David Harris, Brummagem Bull Terriers, by the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc., as Trustee of the Naomi Wayne Bequest

Please submit to: Samantha Brown, 15021 Seven L Trail, Helotes, TX 78023

Remit to:

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Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_

# REQUEST FOR DOBLE REIMBURSEMENT

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Show: \_\_\_\_\_ Show Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Awarded to: (1<sup>st</sup> American Bred White Dog)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Awarded to: (1<sup>st</sup> American Bred White Bitch)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Submit copy of premium list or catalog page where Doble is listed.

1ST American Bred Dog- \$25.00 cash offered in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Doble by the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc., as Trustee of the Norma Brooks Bequest

1ST American Bred Bitch- - \$25.00 cash offered in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Doble by the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc., as Trustee of the Norma Brooks Bequest

Please submit to: Samantha Brown, 15021 Seven L Trail, Helotes, TX 78023

Remit to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_



Futurity Bitch Nomination Form Replace with updated pdf

\*This form must be postmarked **BEFORE** the liter is born.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Futurity Year \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Registered Name of Bitch \_\_\_\_\_ AKC Reg. # \_\_\_\_\_

Owner or Lessee of Bitch \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Breeding \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Whelping Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sire \_\_\_\_\_ AKC Reg. # \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of Sire \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to BTCA. (Email notification and your cancelled check will be your receipt.) Fee of \$20.00 for each Bitch Nomination must accompany Nomination Form.

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner or Agent X \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

Mail two (2) forms with fee to the Futurity Secretary:

**Gail Harlamoff**  
**3490 Maplethorpe Lane**  
**Soquel, CA 95073**  
[btcafuturity@gmail.com](mailto:btcafuturity@gmail.com)

(One form will be held by the Futurity Secretary and one will be sent to the BTCA Treasurer along with payment)

For Office Use Postmarked	
Processed _____	Complete _____
Forms:	
Accepted _____	Rejected _____
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## Futurity Puppy Nomination Form ~~Replace with updated pdf~~

\*This form must be postmarked **BEFORE** the puppy turns four months of age.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Futurity Year \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_ AKC Reg. # \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Sire \_\_\_\_\_ Dam \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Breeder \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of Sire \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) under whom puppy will be entered in catalog \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to BTCA. (Email notification and your cancelled check will be your receipt.)

Fee of \$10.00 for each Puppy Nomination must accompany Nomination Form.

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner or Agent X \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**SUBMIT APPLICATION**

Mail two (2) forms with fee to the Futurity Secretary:

**Gail Harlamoff**  
**3490 Maplethorpe Lane**  
**Soquel, CA 95073**  
[btcafuturity@gmail.com](mailto:btcafuturity@gmail.com)

(One form will be held by the Futurity Secretary and one will be sent to the BTCA Treasurer along with payment)

For	Office	Use
Postmarked _____	Processed	
_____	Complete	
Forms:		
Accepted _____	Rejected _____	



## Managing Club Finances

The American Kennel Club's structure as a "club of clubs" is unique among not-for-profit organizations. The Club's membership currently comprises of over 635 autonomous, financially independent dog clubs and nearly 4,500 licensed and sanctioned affiliated clubs throughout the United States. In addition to the AKC's main charge to govern the sport of purebred dogs and uphold the integrity of the registry, AKC also provides valuable guidance to clubs in such areas as hosting events, enlisting new members and helping clubs set up their governance structure.

When it comes to a club's responsibility of their administrative activities, one of the most critical posts in any club is that of treasurer. Without sound, financial stewardship, clubs are not able to properly advance their missions by holding dog events or conducting public outreach. Nor can they donate money to the community in such diverse ways as scholarships or donating K-9's in areas where they are sorely needed, etc.

The typical "job description" of a treasurer includes tasks such as collecting and recording all monies due to or belonging to the club, depositing monies in accounts on a timely basis, using monies to pay the club's debts, reporting on the status of monies at meetings and compiling an annual report. These activities are very crucial to the club's fiscal health and AKC suggests they should only be conducted by those with experience in this area and not be left to chance.

Unfortunately, when things go awry with a club's financial situation it is very difficult to rectify. The AKC does not exercise jurisdiction in these matters nor is it AKC's responsibility or could AKC properly investigate cases that could require the legal authority to subpoena bank statements and other private records. It is crucial that clubs take preventative measures. Listed below are what AKC believes to be the best blueprint for success when dealing with club monies and what has been recommended by major auditing companies.

- Ensure that the club's treasurer and the Board of Directors are insured against misappropriation of funds through a Crime Policy and Director's and Officer's insurance or bondings. The club's Board of Directors should discuss the club's insurance coverage annually with its insurance broker.
- Establish a finance review committee of club members not involved in the treasurer's duties. Their role would be to quarterly or annually review the details of all cash receipts and disbursements. This would include but not be limited to ensuring proper invoices (or other documentation) adequately support any payments and verify that bank reconciliations are performed accurately and timely. Some clubs may desire to have the committee reconcile and review estimated and actual net income statements, revenues, and expenses.
- Consider investing excess funds in an interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit.
- Have the person responsible for approving invoices be different than the individual responsible for preparing and/or signing the checks. Similarly, it is desirable to have an individual reconciling the bank accounts who is different from the person preparing and /or signing the checks. Segregation of these tasks provides a more desirable level of internal control.
- Require a second authorized signer for all checks over a prescribed dollar amount, usually \$250.
- Have contracts and agreements in writing. Require that all activity-related contracts over a certain amount (e.g. greater than \$250) for club related items be in writing and not verbally understood. This may include but not be limited to facility, equipment, judging fees, and livestock usage or rental fees.

- Publish the policies, practices, templates, and requirements to the club members and or on the club website or otherwise make them easily available.
  - How approval or disapproval of activities is documented in club records and communicated to the applicant. For example, clubs may document this in meeting minutes and email activity applicants the decisions.
  - How entry fees should be handled and to whom the fees should be payable. Generally, fees should be payable to a club, entry service or show superintendent and not to an individual.
  - Expense reimbursement requirements. The club should state when a receipt, contract, or invoice is required for reimbursement and may choose a threshold level that requires such documentation.
- Maintain records. Clubs should maintain all required activity – application, approval, revenue, expenses, and net income statements – documentation in an organized fashion and for a set time period. For example, the club may choose to retain such items for seven years in accordance with some IRS guidelines. Ideally, the club may choose to retain such items electronically and in an accessible but read-only – non-edit access - location, such as a secured file on Google Drive or another cloud service, by all current club officers.
- Document the treasurer’s duties in writing, which should include, but not be limited to:
  - Preparing a quarterly balance sheet and an income statement. This should include an itemized listing of all cash receipts and disbursements during the quarter.
  - Reconciling bank accounts formally each month on a timely basis.
  - Following up on any checks outstanding for more than 90 days.
  - Depositing all cash receipts timely into a business bank account and not into a personal account.

**Clubs should protect consumer credit card data in compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS). Required controls vary based on transaction volume. Specific guidance can be found at <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/>**

The National Institute of Standards (NIST) provides a Cyber Security Framework that provides general guidance on IT security controls that all clubs should consider consulting:

<https://www.nist.gov/cyberframework>

In an ideal world, clubs wouldn’t have to worry about these matters. Yet from a practical standpoint, it is essential to make it your business to put sufficient internal controls in place within each club. By reviewing and embracing as many of these points as you choose, clubs will go a long way towards ensuring the financial stability and integrity of your treasuries and enable members to continue the important work they do for the benefit of purebred dogs.

Sincerely,



Doug Ljungren  
Executive Vice-President, Sports and Events



**The Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc.**  
**Liability Release Form for Trophy and Special Awards Delivery**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name

authorize BTCA member \_\_\_\_\_

Print name of BTCA Member

to accept and deliver to me the following trophy and/or special award:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Upon authorized person's acceptance of said item(s), I hereby release the Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc. from any and all liability should any damage or loss occur to the item after the item is in the authorized person's possession.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_





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**NATIONAL SPECIALTY**  
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**BEST JUNIOR HANDLER**  
**PERFORMANCE WINNERS**  
**(FIRST THROUGH FOURTH PLACE)**

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Placement(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*lease send your dog's **COLOR** photo (300 dpi or greater),  
**4-generation** pedigree, and above information to the **RECORD** editor  
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*nwawynnee@gmail.com*

*or mail to:*

*Naomi Waynee*

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*Phone: 602-319-4610*

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WINS!**



## ROM Application and Judging Criteria - U.S. Breeders Judges

To be approved as a Bull Terrier ROM Judge, please complete the following application and return it to the BTCA Executive Secretary.

This application will indicate if you have met the necessary requirements needed to be approved as a ROM Judge for Bull Terriers.

PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ROM JUDGING APPLICANTS:

The following criteria is mandatory in order to apply for ROM Judge status for Bull Terriers:

**1. Have completed 6 stewarding assignments** at AKC® licensed or specialty shows in the three years immediately preceding application.

Number of stewarding assignments completed \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Have completed 6 Bull Terrier judging assignments** at Sweepstakes, Futurities, AKC Specialty Matches, AKC Sanctioned Matches, or Open Shows (equivalent foreign assignment). Sweepstakes, Futurities, AKC Specialty Matches and Sanctioned Matches count as two assignments. Fun Match, Junior Showmanship and Obedience assignments are not acceptable.

Number of judging assignments completed. List date, show and number of Bull Terriers judged.

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### 12-5-4 Requirements

**Have a minimum of twelve (12) years exhibiting Bull Terriers in conformation and fulfill the litter and champion requirements.**

**3. Have a minimum of twelve (12) years exhibiting Bull Terriers in Conformation.**

Documentation must include date and name of club where exhibited. This documentation must be included in order to process this application.

Number of years exhibiting Bull Terriers in Conformation \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Have bred and raised a minimum of five (5) litters of Bull Terriers on your premises.**

Litters and co-owned litters must have been whelped and raised on the applicant's premises.

Number of litters bred and raised on your premises \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Have bred a minimum of four (4) Bull Terrier Champions.**

Have bred a minimum of four (4) Bull Terrier Champions, whether or not they were owned or handled by the applicant.  
Litters and co-owned litters whelped and raised on applicant's premises

Number of champions bred and raised on applicant's premises.

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**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNTRY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return this application to the BTCA Executive Secretary, along with all required documentation.

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**Alternate Application Method:** If you do not meet the requirements of this 12-5-4 Application with regard to the mandatory twelve (12) years exhibiting Bull Terriers in conformation, five (5) litters bred on your premises or (4) champions bred, you may apply using the Alternate Application Method.



**ROM Application for Breeder Judges  
Alternate Method**

The Alternate ROM Judges Application is a method to help you achieve your requirements for ROM Judge's approval.

**Must have a minimum of fifteen (15) years exhibiting Bull Terriers in conformation and must be able to document having accomplished any combination of four of the following components.**

Number of years exhibiting Bull Terriers in conformation. \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Have bred and raised a minimum of four (4) litters of Bull Terriers on applicant's premises.**

Litters and co-owned litters must have been whelped and raised on the applicant's premises.

Number of litters bred and raised on applicant's premises. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Have bred a minimum of two (2) Bull Terrier Champions.**

Number of Bull Terrier Champions bred. \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Have owned at least one Bull Terrier that sired four (4) Champions while residing at applicant's premises.**

Number of Bull Terriers owned that sired four champions while residing at applicant's premises.

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**4. Have owned or maintained, for the duration, four (4) Bull Terriers that earned Championships while residing at applicant's premises.**

Number of Bull Terriers owned or maintained that earned Championships while residing at applicant's premises.

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**5. Have personally exhibited four (4) Bull Terriers to their Championships earning all 15 points and both majors. (This requirement is the same for owners and professional handlers.)**

Number of Bull Terriers personally exhibited, earning their Championships.

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**6. Have 25 years of documented experience exhibiting dogs, specifically Bull Terriers, in conformation.**

Number of documented years of experience exhibiting dogs, specifically Bull Terriers, in conformation. \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return this application to the BTCA Executive Secretary, along with required documentation.



## ROM Application - Non-Licensed Breeder Judges

Non-licensed judges will be approved by the BTCA Board of Directors based on the following requirements. This form must be completed and submitted to the BTCA Executive Secretary at the time of request.

- 1. Have an invitation to Judge at a Trophy show where ROM points are awarded.  
(i.e., Silverwood Trophy, Bronze Trophy or Canadian Shield)**

List the name of the Bull Terrier Club that has invited you to judge.

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- 2. Have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar which should include structure and movement.**

List any Breed Specific seminars attended.

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- 3. Have judged a total of six (6) assignments.**

Have judged six (6) assignments at a Sweepstakes at a Bull Terrier Club Specialty, Supported Show, Open Show (a foreign equivalent), AKC Specialty matches or AKC Sanctioned matches. Sweepstakes at a Bull Terrier Club Specialty, a Bull Terrier Club Supported Show or Open Show count as two.

List the date, name of show and number of Bull Terriers judged.

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- 4. Have a minimum of Twelve (12) years involvement in Bull Terriers.**

List and include documentation of fifteen (15) years involvement in Bull Terrier conformation.

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**5. Have bred a minimum of five (5) Bull Terrier litters.**

Have bred and raised a minimum of five (5) litters of Bull Terriers on the applicant's premises. Litters and co-owned litters must have been whelped and raised on the applicant's premises.

List Bull Terrier litters bred:

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**6. Have bred a minimum four (4) Champions.**

Have bred a minimum of (4) Bull Terrier champions, whether or not they were owned or handled by the applicant. The required four (4) Champions must be from litters whelped and raised on the applicant's premises.

List the required for (4) Champions bred from litters whelped and raised on the applicant's premises.

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**COUNTRY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete and return this application to the BTCA Executive Secretary, along with all required documentation.



## ROM Application for Breeder Judges – Other than U.S.

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COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

The following policy is compulsory and must be considered as MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS for any individual to be accepted as a ROM approved judge.

PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED

### Licensed Judges – Other than U.S.

All Countries require some form of application, education and examination to become a licensed judge that is similar to AKC policy and BTCA policy for ROM judge approval.

**1. Have an invitation to Judge a Show where ROM points will be awarded.**

List the name of the Club that invited you to judge. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Have a minimum of Twelve (12) years involvement in Bull Terriers.**

List and include documentation of twelve (12) years involvement in Bull Terrier conformation.

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**3. Have bred and raised a minimum of five (5) litters of Bull Terriers.**

Litters and co-owned litters must have been whelped and raised on the applicant' premises.  
List five (5) Bull Terrier litters bred.

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**4. Have a minimum of Four (4) Bull Terrier Champions bred or Four (4) Bull Terriers registered in your country's Official Stud Book.**

List four (4) Champions bred or four (4) dogs listed in your Country's Stud Book.

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**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return this application to the BTCA Executive Secretary, along with all required documentation.

**NOTE:** Individuals who are AKC Visiting Judges must following AKC policies at AKC shows. Therefore, a Judge (US or visiting) may not handle any dog they do not own or co own.

**[P] Handling Only handle dogs owned or co-owned by you or a member of your immediate family. It is not proper for a judge to own or co-own a dog solely for the purpose of handling the dog. This policy applies to all members of the judge's household.**

NAME	AKC JUDGES #	LICENSED BREEDS	PROV/PERMIT BREEDS	CONTACT INFORMATION & COMMENTS
Alexander, David A	5971	Bull Terrier, Mini Bull Terrier, Terrier Group, Non-Sporting Group, Herding Group, Retrievers (Golden), Manchester Terriers (Toy), Poodles, Misc Breeds, Best In Show	Belgian Malinois, Bergamasco, Berger Picard, Canaan Dog, Icelandic Sheepdog, Pumi, Pyrenean Shepherd, Spanish Water Dog	<b>EMAIL: daabigyin@gmail.com</b> <b>CORRAL DE TIERRA, CA</b>  Willing to judge additional events such as, OH groups. We are also willing to rent a car, to assist with other judges' transport.
Anderson, Gregory S	111377		Bull Terriers, Mini Bull Terriers, Skye Terriers, Jr Showmanship (Limited Breeds)	<b>EMAIL: simpletruthfarm@gmail.com</b> <b>KEENE, NH</b>
Aron, Candy	10539		Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers	<b>EMAIL: cadeslynn@aol.com</b> <b>NEW BRAUNFELS, TX</b>
Beisel-McIlwaine, Peggy	6913	Bull Terriers, Mini Bull Terriers, Terrier Group, Sporting Group, Toy Group, Herding Group, Afghan Hounds, Petits Bassets Griffons Vendeens, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Scottish Deerhounds, Whippets, Akitas, Alaskan Malamutes, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Black Russian Terriers, Boerboels, Boxers, Bullmastiffs, Doberman Pinschers, Dogues de Bordeaux, Giant Schnauzers, Great Danes, Great Pyrenees, Kuvaszok, Leonbergers, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Newfoundlands, Portuguese Water Dogs, Siberian Huskies, Standard Schnauzers, Boston Terriers, Bulldogs, Chow Chows, French Bulldogs, Poodles, Best In Show, Conformation - Misc Breeds, Junior Showmanship - All Breeds	Anatolian Shepherd Dogs, Mastiffs, St. Bernards, Samoyeds	<b>EMAIL: foxairn@gmail.com</b> <b>ANN ARBOR, MI</b>
Berez, Franne R	5913	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: fberez@aol.com</b> <b>PITTSBURGH, PA</b> Prefers not to judge in California
Breckenridge-Mitchell, Jonathan Jeffrey (Jonathan Kimes)	6284	Bull Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Jr. Showmanship - All Breeds		<b>EMAIL: jonkimes@gmail.com</b> <b>KANSAS CITY, MO</b>
Brodeur, Philip R	22869	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: philbrodeur@netscape.net</b> <b>LEYDEN, MA</b>

<b>Brown-Stone, Crissy</b>	110779		Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers	<b>EMAIL: jakesmom47@yahoo.com</b> <b>MURFREESBORO, TN</b> <b>*Prefers to judge on Sunday**</b>
<b>Cairns, Stuart</b>	101695	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers	Staffordshire Bull Terriers and American Staffordshire Terriers	<b>EMAIL: stgeorgebt@gmail.com</b> <b>JOHNSTOWN, OH</b>
<b>Clark, Connie</b>	65733	Terrier Group		<b>EMAIL: mwclark1@aol.com</b> <b>RIO DEL MAR, CA</b>
<b>Cole, Jon R</b>	379	All Groups and Breeds including Misc. and BIS		<b>EMAIL: jrcole111@yahoo.com</b> <b>NASHVILLE, TN</b>
<b>Cooke, Alesia G</b>	100863	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: r1a2cooke@gmail.com</b> <b>SUGAR LAND, TX</b>
<b>Corse, Victoria</b>	5356	Bull Terriers, Mini Bull Terriers and Jr. Showmanship - All Breeds		<b>EMAIL: corsairebt@gmail.com</b> <b>EASTHAM, MA</b>
<b>Denman, Gayle M</b>	7289	Alaskan Malamutes, St. Bernards, Siberian Huskies, Airedale Terriers, American Hairless Terriers, Australian Terriers, Bedlington Terriers, Border Terriers, Bull Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Cesky Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Fox Terriers (Smooth), Fox Terriers (Wire), Kerry Blue Terriers, Manchester Terriers (Standard), Miniature Bull Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers, Norfolk Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers, Rat Terriers, Russell Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Manchester Terriers, Manchester Terriers (Toy), Poodles (Toy), Non-Sporting Group, Australian Shepherds, Norwegian Buhunds, Conformation - Misc Breeds, Junior Showmanship - All Breeds	Terrier Group, American Staffordshire Terriers, Glen of Imaal Terriers, Irish Terriers, Lakeland Terriers, Welsh Terriers, West Highland White Terriers	<b>EMAIL: gmndenman@gmail.com</b> <b>SALT LAKE CITY, UT</b>
<b>Dykema, Jan</b>	28699	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: bestuvall@sbcglobal.net</b> <b>SAINT HELENA, CA</b>  Prefers not to Judge on the West Coast

<b>Foote, Diane D</b>	6336	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers, Afghan Hounds, American Foxhounds, Basset Hounds, Beagles, Dachshunds, English Foxhounds, Harriers, Petits Bassets Griffons Vendeens, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Jr. Showmanship - All Breeds	Irish Wolfhounds	<b>EMAIL: deslynn4@aol.com</b> <b>NEW BRAUNFELS, TX</b>
<b>Greaney, Colin "Skip"</b>	94137	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: auburnbts@aol.com</b> <b>LAND O LAKES, FL</b>
<b>Guerrero, Debra</b>	103977		Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers	<b>EMAIL: cambriambts@comcast.net</b> <b>GRAHAM, WA</b>
<b>Hains, Gene S</b>	37995	Bull Terriers, Miniature Bull Terriers, Scottish Terriers		<b>EMAIL: gaidoune23@yahoo.com</b> <b>MATTHEWS, NC</b>
<b>Harris, Duff</b>	91790	Bull Terriers, Miniature Bull Terriers, Terrier Group, Best in Show	Akita, Alaskan Malamute, Anatolian Shepherds, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Bull Mastiff, Doberman Pinschers, Dogues de Bordeaux, German Pinschers, Rottweilers Samoyed, Siberian Husky, Mastiff	<b>EMAIL: allegro6@ix.netcom.com</b> <b>FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA</b>  Will judge OH, BBE and Puppy groups
<b>Harris, Susie Kingsley</b>	99093	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: suchabratsche@gmail.com</b> <b>FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA</b>
<b>Ibbitson, Alison</b>	55862	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: BTCAalison@gmail.com</b> <b>ANDERSON, SC</b>
<b>Ibbitson, Scott A</b>	17441	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: ibbitson@aol.com</b> <b>ANDERSON, SC</b>
<b>Jaspers, Phil</b>	98971	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: NotoriousBTS@gmail.com</b> <b>CANDIA, NH</b>
<b>Keenan, Patricia</b>	5357	Terrier Group		<b>EMAIL: wishingwellknl@aol.com</b> <b>CHEHALIS, WA</b>
<b>Lindquist, Jane Messineo Killion</b>	100135	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: jane@pigsflydogs.com</b> <b>BLAIRSTOWN, NJ</b>

<b>Murphy, Desmond</b>	2675	Terrier Group, Sporting Group, Toy Group, Afghan Hounds, Beagles, Greyhounds, Whippets, Boxers, Doberman Pinschers, Giant Schnauzers, Great Danes, Standard Schnauzers, Bichons Frises, Bulldogs, Chinese Shar-Pei, Dalmations, French Bulldogs, Keeshonden, Lhasa Apsos, Poodles, Bearded Collies, Old English Sheepdogs, Pembroke Welsh Corgies, Best In Show, Conformation - Misc. Breeds, Jr. Showmanship - All Breeds		<b>EMAIL: desichowman@gmail.com</b> <b>MONROE, NY</b>
<b>Murphy, Susan</b>	5198	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Terriers, Jr. Showmanship - All Breeds		<b>EMAIL: susan778@aol.com</b> <b>CYPRESS, CA</b> Will consider judging Jr. Showmanship on occasion only.
<b>Myall, Robert W.T</b>	6424	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers, Airedale Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Bedlington Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Irish Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers, Scottish Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, West Highland Terriers, Jr Showmanship-All Breeds		<b>EMAIL: myallr@ohsu.edu</b> <b>PORTLAND, OR</b> Would like to judge more breeds than Bull Terriers when available or in conjunction with All Breed shows.
<b>Parker, Cleo</b>	104703	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: cleoparker@gmail.com</b> <b>LIVONIA, MI</b>
<b>Pew, Carl L</b>	6010	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers, Alaskan Malamutes, Doberman Pinschers, Giant Schnauzers, St. Bernards, West Highland White Terriers, Jr. Showmanship - All Breeds		<b>EMAIL: silmarilbt@hotmail.com</b> <b>DRAPER, UT</b>
<b>Poole, Rebecca P</b>	7017	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers, Jr. Showmanship - All Breeds		<b>EMAIL: rockytopbt@comcast.net</b> <b>HIXSON, TN</b> Prefers not to judge Jr. Showmanship
<b>Pressler-Tash, Paula</b>	98387	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: rockandrosebt@gmail.com</b> <b>PROSPECT, TN</b>
<b>Radford, Ann</b>	111559	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: mayhembts@gmail.com</b> <b>LINDSAY, ONTARIO</b>

<b>Remer, Mary F S</b>	5545	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers, Jr. Showmanship - All Breeds		<b>EMAIL: <a href="mailto:mremer@aol.com">mremer@aol.com</a></b> <b>VILLANOVA, PA</b>
<b>Schuur, Dale R</b>	7583	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: <a href="mailto:drschoor@gmail.com">drschoor@gmail.com</a></b> <b>LONDON, KY</b>  Prefers to limit judging assignments to no more than 3, spread out over time.
<b>Sharp, Claudia J</b>	6670	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers, Jr. Showmanship - All Breeds		<b>EMAIL: <a href="mailto:claudia370@aol.com">claudia370@aol.com</a></b> <b>WARRENTON, MO</b> Prefers not to judge Jr. Showmanship
<b>Shreve, Robert</b>	2759	Sporting Group, Beagles, Ibizan Hounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Norwegian Elkhounds, Otterhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Whippets, Working Group, Terrier Group, Manchester Terriers (Toy), Poodles (Toy), Pugs, Non-Sporting Group, Herding Group, Best In Show, Conformation - Misc Breeds, Junior Showmanship - All Breeds		<b>EMAIL: <a href="mailto:bobshreve@aol.com">bobshreve@aol.com</a></b> <b>GREELEY, CO</b>  **Limited to 2 BT ROM assignments per year**
<b>Spurr, John J</b>	95647	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: <a href="mailto:john@drspurr.com">john@drspurr.com</a></b> <b>MATTAWAN, MI</b> Friday or Saturday are the best days to judge, other days if drive is within 6 hours.
<b>Spurr, Theresa</b>	95770	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: <a href="mailto:theresa@drspurr.com">theresa@drspurr.com</a></b> <b>MATTAWAN, MI</b>
<b>Sturz Jr, Dr. Donald</b>	5499	Bull Terriers	Mini Bull Terriers	<b>EMAIL: <a href="mailto:dgs32561@aol.com">dgs32561@aol.com</a></b> <b>BROOKLYN, NY</b>
<b>Thomas, Robert K</b>	3112	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: <a href="mailto:treborbt@aol.com">treborbt@aol.com</a></b> <b>NAPA, CA</b>
<b>Waynee, Naomi</b>	39916	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: <a href="mailto:nwaynee@gmail.com">nwaynee@gmail.com</a></b> <b>BUCKEYE, AZ</b>
<b>Whitehair, Melanie</b>	99377	Bull Terriers and Mini Bull Terriers		<b>EMAIL: <a href="mailto:ssbt@me.com">ssbt@me.com</a></b> <b>KENDALL, NY</b>

NAME (COUNTRY)	JUDGES #	LICENSED BREEDS	CONTACT INFORMATION & COMMENTS
Blair, Anna (UK)	14706	Bull Terriers	megaville@icloud.com
Blair, Peter (UK)	110675	Bull Terriers	megaville@icloud.com
Clark, Elaine (UK)	11687	Bull Terriers & Mini Bull Terriers	elaine@dominionprint.com
Cox, Gerard (IRE)	98865	Hound Group, Akitas, Alaskan Malamutes, Samoyeds, Siberian Huskies, Airedale Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Australian Terriers, Bedlington Terriers, Border Terriers, Bull Terriers , Cairn Terriers, Cesky Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Fox Terriers (Smooth), Fox Terriers (Wire), Glen of Imaal Terriers, Irish Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Lakeland Terriers, Manchester Terriers (Standard), Miniature Bull Terriers, Norfolk Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers, Russell Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Welsh Terriers, West Highland White Terriers, Manchester Terriers, Brussels Griffons, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Chihuahuas, Chinese Crested' English Toy Spaniels, Havanese, Italian Greyhounds, Japanese Chin, Maltese, Manchester Terriers (Toy), Papillons, Pekingese, Pomeranians, Poodles (Toy), Pugs, Shih Tzu, Silky Terriers, Yorkshire Terriers, Bichons Frises, Boston Terriers, Bulldogs, Chow Chows, Coton de Tulear, Dalmatians, Finnish Spitz, French Bulldogs, Keeshonden, Lhasa Apsos, Lowchen, Poodles, Schipperkes ,Shiba Inu, ibetan Spaniels,Tibetan Terriers, Australian Cattle Dogs, Australian Shepherds, Beaucerons, Belgian Malinois, Belgian Sheepdogs, Belgian Tervuren, Bouviers des Flandres, Briards, Canaan Dogs, Collies, Finnish Lapphunds, Icelandic Sheepdogs,Norwegian Buhunds, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Pulik, Swedish Vallhunds, Conformation - Misc Breeds	coxgal@eircom.net
Craven, Stephen (AUS)	51718	Bull Terriers & Mini Bull Terriers	craven@idl.net.au
Cross, Di (AUS)	105421	Bull Terriers & Mini Bull Terriers	missigai@outlook.com.au

<b>Flegg, Linda (NZ)</b>	95293	Airedale Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Australian Terriers, Bedlington Terriers, Border Terriers, Bull Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Cesky Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Fox Terriers (Smooth), Fox Terriers (Wire), Glen of Imaal Terriers, Irish Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Lakeland Terriers, Manchester Terriers (Standard), Miniature Bull Terriers, Norfolk Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers, Russell Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Welsh Terriers, West Highland White Terriers, Manchester Terriers, Manchester Terriers (Toy)	linda@kauripak.co.nz
<b>Fleming, Thomas (UK)</b>	9699	Bull Terriers	
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<b>Gray, Carol (CAN)</b>	94683	Terrier Group, Working Group, Manchester Terriers (Toy), Canaan Dogs, Entlebucher Mountain Dogs.	cpgray19@gmail.com
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<b>Lara, Humberto (MX)</b>	100613	Bull Terriers	huberts@prodigy.net.mx
<b>Larkin, Carol (South Africa)</b>	111466	Bull Terriers & Mini Bull Terriers	booksale@icon.co.za
<b>Leslie, Bill (Northern Ireland)</b>	94191	Airedale Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Australian Terriers, Bedlington Terriers, Border Terriers, Bull Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Cesky Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Fox Terriers (Smooth), Fox Terriers (Wire), Glen of Imaal Terriers, Irish Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Lakeland Terriers, Manchester Terriers (Standard), Miniature Bull Terriers, Norfolk Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers, Russell Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Welsh Terriers, West Highland White Terriers, Manchester Terriers, Manchester Terriers (Toy), Silky Terriers, Yorkshire Terriers	billmaris@ntlworld.com
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<b>Paterson, Steve (UK)</b>	108998	Bull Terriers & Mini Bull Terriers	golithabt@hotmail.co.uk
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<b>Probert, Tyrone (UK)</b>	98029	Bull Terriers	
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<b>Ruppel, Brent.....Silverwood</b>				
<b>Schmidt, Steve ....Silverwood</b>				
<b>Blakely, Darren (UK)...Bronze</b>				
<b>Radford, Ann (CAN)...Bronze</b>				
<b>Remer, Jay (CAN)...Bronze</b>				

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## **SPECIALTY AND SUPPORTED SHOWS**

### **Name of Regional Club**

**Name of Kennel Club (if there is one) Date of Show**

**Judge: Name of Judge**

**COLORED Number of dogs exhibited (0-0-0-0)**

### **Winners Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### **Reserve Winners Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### **Winners Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### **Reserve Winners Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### **Best of Winners**

Use critique from WD or WB, state that either the dog or bitch was Best of Winners by stating " Winners Dog and Best of Winners (spell and; no ampersand)

### **Best of Variety**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### **Best of Opposite Sex**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### **Select Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### **Select Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### **Awards of Merit (at Specialties)**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### **Veteran Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### **Veteran Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**WHITE Number of dogs exhibited (0-0-0-0)**

### **Winners Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Reserve Winners Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Winners Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Reserve Winners Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Best of Winners**

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**Best of Variety**

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**Best of Opposite Sex**

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**Select Dog**

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**Select Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Awards of Merit** (at Specialties)

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Veteran Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Veteran Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

## NATIONAL SPECIALTY

### **COLORED**                      **Number of dogs exhibited (0-0-0-0)**

#### **1st and 2nd in each class**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

#### **Winners Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

#### **Reserve Winners Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

#### **Winners Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

#### **Reserve Winners Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

#### **Best of Winners**

Use critique from WD or WB, state that either the dog or bitch was Best of Winners by stating Winners Dog and Best of Winners (spell and, no ampersand)

#### **Best of Variety**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

#### **Best of Opposite Sex**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

#### **Select Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

#### **Select Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

#### **Awards of Merit** (at Specialties)

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

#### **Veteran Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

#### **Veteran Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### **WHITE**                      **Number of dogs exhibited (0-0-0-0)**

**1st and 2nd in each class** Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

#### **Winners Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Reserve Winners Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Winners Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Reserve Winners Bitch**

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**Best of Winners**

Use critique from WD or WB, state that either the dog or bitch was Best of Winners by Critique Winners Dog and Best of Winners (spell and; no ampersand)

**Best of Variety**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Best of Opposite Sex**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Select Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Select Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not old) Critique, etc .

**Awards of Merit** (at Specialties)

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Veteran Dog**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not old) Critique etc.

**Veteran Bitch**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

## **FUTURITY**

### **Best 6-9 Months Puppy**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### **Best 9-12 Months Puppy**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### **Best 12-15 Months Junior**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### **Best 12-18 Months Junior**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Best Futurity Puppy, Best Futurity Junior, Grand Futurity Winner placements are to be added to the critique of the dogs winning those placements.**



## **SWEEPSTAKES**

**In both varieties:**

**Coloreds - Best Colored Puppy in Sweepstakes. Best of Opposite Sex Colored Puppy in Sweepstakes** Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Whites - Best White Puppy in Sweepstakes. Best of Opposite Sex White Puppy in Sweepstakes** Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Best Puppy in Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex Puppy in Sweepstakes**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

## **VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES**

**Coloreds - Best Colored Veteran in Sweepstakes. Best of Opposite Sex Colored Veteran in Sweepstakes** Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Whites - Best White Veteran in Sweepstakes. Best of Opposite Sex White Veteran in Sweepstakes** Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

**Best Veteran in Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex Veteran in Sweepstakes**

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

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Only the winner is critiqued

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique,  
etc.

## SILVERWOOD

### All Silverwood Finalists

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique etc.

### Best Movement

Owner's name (not bold) **DOG'S NAME IN CAPS and BOLD** (sire's name ex dam's name not bold) Critique e etc.

The following placements do not need a further critique, but do need these placements listed.

### Best Colored Dog

Reserve Colored Dog Best White Dog

Reserve White Dog Best Colored Bitch

Reserve Colored Bitch Best White Bitch

Reserve White Bitch

### Silverwood Winner

Lovell Trophy

Radium Brigadier Trophy

Best of Opposite Sex

**ADDENDUM 3**

**APPLICATION FORM FOR THE COUNTRY COMPETITION - THE NETHERLANDS**

**TEAM USA**

REGISTERED NAME OF DOG :	
AKC REGISTRATIO N NUMBER OF DOG:	
SEX:	DOG <input type="checkbox"/> BITCH <input type="checkbox"/>
SIRE:	
DAM:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	_____/_____/_____ MONTH                      DAY                      YEAR
PLACE OF BIRTH:	USA <input type="checkbox"/> (MANDATORY)
OWNER(S):	
BREEDER(s):	

CONTACT INFO:	PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____ —
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**ADDENDUM 3 Continued:**

**\*\* With your completed application form, you must include all of the following:**

These photos and video must have been taken within 60 days of the deadline application date. *(Cannot be older than May 15.)*

1. Photos of your dog: (preferably in JPEG format)
  - Left side of dog
  - Right side of dog
  - Front view of dog
  - Rear view of dog
  - Bite (incisors and canines)
2. A short video of your dog:
  - Moving up and back (to display front and rear movement)
  - Moving in a triangular fashion (to display side movement)

***When photographing your dog and videotaping its movement, please pay attention to the photographer being at the same level as the dog (not above), as well as the lighting, and picture quality.***

***Please submit your application to Team USA Committee Chair:***

***Krista Prater-Piles    kp2petpal@gmail.com***



THE BULL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

## **COUNTRY COMPETITION**

*(Hosted by the Netherlands Bull Terrier Club)*

HANDBOOK

TEAM USA HANDBOOK REVISED 12.30.2019

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## INTRODUCTION

**T**he Netherlands Bull Terrier Club (NBTC) hosts a Championship Show and a Country Competition annually. These shows are held in Leiden, Holland during the month of November.

The Bull Terrier Club of America (BTCA) and its Board of Directors has established the rules of participation of a team from the United States in the Country Competition, compliant with any rules determined by the NBTC for said participation.

This Handbook defines the rules of qualification and selection, timelines, committees, points of information and protocols for the team in the Country Competition, as established by the BTCA. Jurisdiction over any and all further rules, components of selection and final participation in the competition will be determined by the Board of Directors of the BTCA, who may amend, delete or add to these rules and components.

Although the intention of the BTCA Board, the Team USA Committee, and the Selection Committee is to select the best team possible to represent the United States in the Country Competition each year, there may be years where a team cannot be sent. This may be due to external factors such as airline constraints or acts of war, or internal factors such as, a lack of quality applicants, or the inability to create a full team contingent.

## THE TEAM USA COMMITTEE

**T**he logistics to manage all components of the competition require a collaborative effort. The Board of Directors of the BTCA will appoint five individuals to serve as Country Competition Team USA Committee members. The Committee members will serve a two-year term. It is recommended that Committee members have attended the competition in the past and/or plan on attending at least one of the two shows scheduled during their two-year term. Individuals interested in serving for a two-year term must notify their intent to the Executive Secretary of the BTCA at least two weeks prior to the October Board Meeting. The Board will determine the composition of the Committee at the October Board Meeting.

Assignment to the Committee will involve the following:

**Committee Chair** - responsible for the overview of all Committee activities. Specific responsibility is to act as liaison with the NBTC where warranted and between the Board and Selectors, including selection communication, decision-making, timelines, plus appoint any BTCA member to specific assignments or tasks.

**Committee Administrator**- responsible for all paperwork and timeline processes for participation on the team.

**Logistics Administrator**- responsible for the coordination of travel information, health certificates, microchip, hotel accommodations and related activities.

**Fundraising Coordinator** - responsible for all fundraising activities for the year's competition. Allocation of raised funds, as determined by the BTCA Board, will be distributed to team members exhibiting dogs once receipts have been turned in to the BTCA treasurer.

**Member at Large**- responsible for special assignments and projects as determined by the Committee.



## COUNTRY COMPETITION FORMAT

**E**ach country is represented by a Team of eight exhibits: two under 2 years of age on the day of competition in both sexes, and two over 2 years of age on the day of competition, in both sexes.

A panel of three judges determines their placements using a ranking system of 0 to 12 for each exhibit. (11 is not used to avoid the possibility of a tie.)

Final country placements are determined by an aggregate of these individual totals.



## REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION ON THE TEAM

The exhibit must be:

- Owned or co-owned by a BTCA member in good standing
- Born in the United States from a dam that was registered with the American Kennel Club on the date of whelping
- Shown in the Country Competition



## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

**A**ny Bull Terrier whelped in the United States out of a dam that was registered by the AKC at time of whelping and that is owned or co-owned by a BTCA member in good standing, may apply for consideration to be selected for the team.

It should be recognized that prior to submitting an application the individual, if selected, will be required to commit to attending the Country Competition, barring any unforeseen circumstance, by the **August 25th** deadline as reflected on page 9 of the Handbook.

Animals may come to the attention of the Selector Committee by:

- Recommendation by a Selector.
- Nomination by any American ROM Judge.
- Special Application which includes the application procedures outlined in this handbook AND being at a show/event to offer the judges/selectors the opportunity to place their hands on the dog/bitch to determine his/her feasibility to participate as a member of the Team. Application form is Addendum 3.

By June 15, ROM Judge nominated and Special Applicants should submit Photograph and Video to the Committee.

- Photographs should be of Head (face-on and profile), Mouth (front, right & left sides), and full body profile. Format jpeg@300dpi, no larger than 8 x 10, and sent to Chair of the Team USA Committee.
- Video- of typical movement, coming, going, and in profile. Committee suggests cell phone video and sent to the Chair of the Team USA Committee

An *Application Form for the Country Competition* (see Addendum 3) and required photos/videos must be submitted to the Chair of the Team USA Committee by **July 15th**. The video and photos submitted must be current, that is, taken/filmed no earlier than 60 days prior to submission (**May 15th**).



## THE SELECTION PROCESS: THE SELECTORS

**T**he Selectors for the Country Competition will serve a one-year term and must be BTCA approved ROM judges as determined by the BTCA.

ROM judges who are interested in participating as Selectors must self-nominate to the designated Chair of the Team USA Committee of the BTCA by September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, prior to the year they wish to be considered as a Selector.

Self-nominated judges must recognize that it is expected that they will attend a minimum of three ROM show weekends during the Team Competition year, such that they will have seen as many of the selectees as possible. It is a requirement that all selectors have attended Silverwood and the National Specialty shows the previous year.

The BTCA Board of Directors will approve and announce the Selectors prior to **September 30th** of each year. The Board will also determine the Chair of the Selection Committee.



## SELECTION PROCESS: THE DECISIONS

**T**he Selectors, using the AKC breed standard as their guide, will begin to identify their choices for participation on Team USA, by July 1.

The Selectors will submit, to both the Chair of Team USA and the President of the BTCA, a list of the identified recommendations, by August 5.

The Board of Directors of the BTCA will begin the review of the identified recommendations for Team USA, submitted by the Selection Committee, by August 10.

The Board of Directors of the BTCA will finalize approval of the Team by August 15 and will notify both the Chair of Team USA and Selectors of said approval.

The Administrator of the Team USA Committee will then send out letters of notification/invitation to the eight Selectees by August 17.

The Selectees will be required to commit to participation on Team USA by August 25 by returning the written contract agreement.

The Chair of the Team USA Committee will communicate to the President of the BTCA the list of confirmed participants. The President of the BTCA will then release the Team USA information to the BTCA Membership, prior to September 1.



**LOGISTICS: PEOPLE AND TRAVEL; DOGS & REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

**B**efore BTCA members have an invitation to participate as a member of Team USA, there are a number of items to think about for overseas travel:

- Your passport must be valid and ensure it will not expire within 6 months of your travel dates;
- Ensure your dog has an international (ISO) microchip (if your dog already has a microchip that is not international, you must carry your own microchip reader). The microchip **MUST** be administered **BEFORE** the rabies shot. i.e. If rabies is done on 1/21/17 and does not expire until 1/21/20 but you had the microchip implanted on 2/23/17 airline personnel could reject your dog. This actually happened the first year of travel to Holland;
- Your dog's rabies vaccine must be up-to-date, and done at least 21 days prior to travel;
- Ensure your veterinarian places the dog's microchip number on your rabies certificate.
- Ensure your veterinarian provides a temperature variance sheet filled out and signed. Most will use 36 – 85 degrees as some airlines apply restrictions that state that if at any time the temperature is below 45 or above 75 dogs are not allowed to fly. The temperature variance document will override this.
- Some airlines do not accept metal Impact crates. Check with the airline to verify. KLM does not accept them. Keep in mind your dog's ears must not touch the top of the crate when standing or it will not be accepted.

**Required paperwork for travel from USA/Canada/Netherlands:**

- The *Checklist for Obtaining an International Health Certificate for Pets* must be completed. You may obtain this from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) website ([www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov))
- Dogs must be microchipped with an ISO compliant (11784 and 11785) microchip (15 digits long), or if your microchip is not ISO compliant you will need to travel with your own microchip reader.
- The Rabies Certificate must include dog's microchip number on the certificate. The rabies vaccine must be valid and up-to-date and given no earlier than 21 days before entering The Netherlands.
- The *United States Interstate and International Certificate of Health Examination for Small Animals* form (APHIS Form 7001) must be properly completed and signed by a Veterinarian 14 days prior to flight.





- The completed APHIS Form 7001, Rabies Certificate, and Checklist must be immediately mailed to USDA Veterinary Services for endorsement. The paperwork should be sent via overnight mail and a prepaid label and return envelope should be included. The fee for endorsement is \$38.00 and included with submission.
- Visit the website for detailed information to find your regional USDA Veterinary Office: [www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pettravel](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pettravel)
- When booking list your dog as an English Terrier. MANY airlines ban any “bull” breeds. Ask your vet if they will list your dog as an English Terrier of the USDA paper work. Some airline personnel will say Bull Terriers are on the ‘No Fly List’ because they think they are a different breed, like a Bulldog.

### Airlines

Many airlines will not fly dogs. Here are a few to consider:

- KLM (Dutch Airline) allows a dog plus crate (up to 165 pounds total weight) to fly as checked baggage for \$200 each way.
- American Airlines allows a dog plus crate (up to 100 pounds total weight) to fly as checked baggage for \$200 each way.
- United’s ‘Petsafe’ allows a dog to fly as checked baggage for \$800- \$1,200 each way.
- Delta does not allow a dog to fly as checked baggage. Dogs must fly as cargo but are in the heated section of the hold. Flying as cargo costs \$500-600 each way depending on weight.

Make sure to get a direct flight to Amsterdam’s Schiphol Airport (airport code = AMS) if possible. You will not want transfers on route, adding the stress of ensuring your dog transferring from one flight to another flight. For people in the Northeast, it is worth looking into flying out of Toronto or Montreal, Canada via KLM as these are direct flights into Amsterdam. KLM (non-Delta) flies non-stop from the west coast (SFO). If you are flying from the west coast and unable to find a non-stop flight, it may be a good idea to fly into an East Coast city that flies directly to Amsterdam. Perhaps spend the night or meet up with another Team USA member. This will break up the trip for you and your dog.

Recheck your dog’s booking at least 2 or 3 times to confirm that the reservation is there.

Arrive at the airport AT LEAST three (3) hours before your flight in the event there are any issues with paperwork needed for the airline. KLM takes a maximum of 6 dogs on a flight and it is on a first come first serve basis. *(A previous team member found out upon arrival that her dog had been removed as it was #7 on KLM. Since it was the airline’s mistake, they broke their rule, BUT it was a close one and stressful!).* It just makes sense to make sure all the bases are covered.

**Check with your airline for crate requirements,** as what is permissible may vary for each airline.



You can take your dog (in their crate) with you on the shuttles at airport parking areas in the USA. Once checked in you will be allowed to stay with your dog until they are taken on the flight.

You must have 2 metal bowls attached to the crate; one for food and another for water. A small amount of food can be taped to the top of the crate in a Ziploc bag just in case they exceed the time limits between feedings. For the water bowl fill  $\frac{3}{4}$  full and freeze prior to leaving for the airport.

Bring a crate dolly “wheels”, as the dogs are not allowed to be out of their crates. You can check the wheels as excess baggage and you will be allowed to use them right up until they take the dog away for boarding. The excess baggage fee can be included as part of your reimbursement funds.

Use a buddy system if travelling with another Team member. Someone can go and find out where you need to go/be while the other can stay with the dog(s) so you’re not having to take the dogs all over the airport with you. Less stress for everyone involved.

For peace of mind while traveling with your dog, you might look into a GPS collar or small tracker you can attach to the crate. You can locate the GPS signal with a smart phone.

Do not be afraid to make every airline personnel you come in contact with aware that you are flying with your dog! Ask to be informed when your dog has been loaded onto the airplane.

When you arrive in Amsterdam your dog will be in the oversize baggage area, a small room area in the middle of the back-wall area of baggage claim. Go there first, prior to picking up your own luggage, as the dogs are left unattended once placed there.

### Entering the Show

- The Netherlands Bull Terrier Club **requires** entering the Country Competition via an online entry service with the current fee being 40 Euros. A link for the entry service will be sent to team members.
- Once entries close, team members will receive an email from the entry service with your armband number. Please print the page to use for your armband.
- The email also includes a barcode to scan for hotel information and an online catalog.

## Hotel Accommodations

Holiday Inn Leiden is the host hotel and the show site. The BTCA can no longer reserve rooms for team members and it will be up to each team member to procure their own room. Once the Team is announced, team members will be advised if anyone has booked extra rooms so that if possible, they may procure one of the "extra" rooms. The NBTC announces when hotel rooms are available for booking, and a form is available on their website. If you believe you might like to have a dog on Team USA, make your reservation quickly after the hotel opens reservations. The hotel will sell out fast!

All the hotel employees speak very good English and are extremely helpful.

Most flights from North America arrive at Schiphol Airport (Amsterdam) in the morning, but the hotel does not allow check-in until early afternoon. Be prepared to wait for your room to be ready. The hotel has a safe, locked room for you to store your luggage. The lobby has many areas to sit and relax with your dog, while you wait.

The hotel is 3 stories high (with stairs and elevators) and the rooms are spread out over several long hallways, so be prepared to do some walking. The show area is attached to the hotel, but again a decent walk. There is a dog area in the exhibition hall for your dog and crate during the show.

If you plan on exchanging dollars to Euros and do not have the chance to at home before you leave, there is an ATM in the lobby of the hotel. Like most hotel bank machines during a busy weekend, it runs out quickly! You should plan on withdrawing money while at the airport at a Currency Exchange. You can also withdraw cash from ATMs in Leiden or Amsterdam.

Once you have been given your room, which are quite nice and comfortable, a few tips for first timers:

- The lights are activated by you placing your room key card in a small holder on the wall behind the door.
- The lights in the bathroom are on a motion sensor and are timed, so if they go out while you are showering, just wave your arm outside the tub!
- All rooms have a very small refrigerator.
- Your reservation includes a very nice breakfast buffet, in the center of the hotel. There are many choices, and you can eat as much as you like! There is also a coffee machine that makes the most delicious coffee and lattes. This is a great time to get together and chat with your team! Don't skimp on breakfast, you have long days of dog shows ahead!
- The lunch served during the Saturday Championship show is also included in your room rate, and is quite simple (rolls, cheese, cold meats). There is a small snack bar too, but the drinks

are very expensive. Bring snacks with you to eat during the show. Meals can also be ordered in the bar during specified hours.

### **Taxi/Other Transportation to/from Schiphol Airport**

Getting to the host hotel from Schiphol airport is very easy. The Holiday Inn Leiden will happily provide you with the recommended taxi company's name and phone number. You must pre-book your transportation a week or two before you arrive. Try to coordinate your arrival and trip to the hotel with others also going to the show to save money. The taxi company has many mini vans that can be reserved for a reasonable price (65-100 Euros), so sharing is economical. The hotel is approximately 20-30 minutes from the airport by car.

When you get to Leiden the taxis for dogs are specific so make sure they accept dogs. The hotel has a company they recommend, and you can book a taxi prior to arrival at the hotel and confirm once you arrive. It is tight with the dogs and people. Some can take 2 dogs but not easily due to the size of crates.

If you are travelling to the show without a dog, consider taking the train. The train station is attached to the airport and the trip to Leiden is very reasonably priced (less than 10 Euros). The train trip is approximately 20 minutes. Once you arrive in Leiden, you can then take a taxi to the hotel.

### **Traveling with Food and Supplies for Your Dog**

- You can pack dog food (dry or cans) in your checked baggage. Bring only enough food for the days you will be gone, as you cannot bring dog food back with you into the USA (or Canada if flying via Toronto or Montreal).
- If your dog eats a raw diet, consider bringing dehydrated or freeze-dried food as an option.
- Small amounts of raw frozen dog food or fresh meat can be purchased at the local grocery store, "Jumbo" which is located right across from the Leiden train station.
- The hotel rooms have very small refrigerators to store small amounts of food.
- The single most useful item to have for your dog is a wheeled dolly or cart! If you have the ability to ship one, do so!
- The grooming/crating area at the hotel show is very snug, and no chalking is allowed in the building, therefore either grooming outside or in your hotel room is a necessity. Bring the bare minimum to groom with. A makeup bag in your luggage will be enough. Also bring a blanket or sheet to cover the floor or bed with.
- Extra blankets or bedding, along with baby wipes are a good idea in case your dog soils its crate. The hotel will provide you with a 3 x 4 sheet of paper to place under your crate in the hotel room. Also, please note the hotel allows no more than 2 dogs per room.



- Bring nail clippers or something to cut off the zip ties the airline attaches all over the crate doors. The ties are to ensure your dog does not accidentally get out.

### **What to do while there**

The Country Competition is on Sunday and will take all day. On Saturday, the Championship show is held. This will be the largest Bull Terrier show you will ever see! The show will take all day to run, and bitches are shown on one side of the exhibition hall and dogs on the other. These run congruently as the entry is that large! Some classes alone may have 20-25 entries!

Saturday night the NBTC hosts a banquet and dance which is always well attended and fun! Tickets may be ordered on the NBTC website.

Leiden is a university town, and the location of the oldest university in Europe! The town itself is very quaint and offers a lot to see and do. Make sure you take some time to visit the town. They have several excellent restaurants and a very nice shopping area with many top (chain) and local stores. To make reservations for dinner in town, the front desk staff at the hotel will be happy to do that for you and book you a taxi in advance.

Make sure you take time to visit the city of Amsterdam. There is so much to see and do; the Van Gogh Museum, Ann Frank House, canal tours, the famous Red-Light District and much more! You may want to look at pre-booking your tickets for tourist attractions or tours as due to popularity, lines/waits may be very long for sites such as the Ann Frank House. Getting to Amsterdam is very easy and the train is your best and cheapest option. Take a taxi from the hotel to Leiden train station and purchase your tickets there. The trip is approximately 30 minutes and a direct route to the Amsterdam Central Station.



## FUNDRAISING and SPONSORSHIP

**T**o help defray the costs of the transport of the team dogs and may include fundraising and sponsorship. More information will be available as the Fundraising Committee develops the fundraising program annually.

The monies raised for Team USA are designated funds for Team USA use. These funds will be held in an account by the BTCA, with separate Team USA accounting.

**FUNDRAISING:** Reimbursement for **approved dog related expenses up to \$1,000 US dollars**, must be submitted with receipts by December 15<sup>th</sup> of the year that the dog was exhibited.

These fundraised monies have no restriction regarding showing in the championship show the day before the Country Competition.

Fundraising events may include: Raffles, auctions, apparel sales, etc.

**SPONSORSHIP:** The maximum amount of sponsorship monies allotted to each eligible Team USA exhibitor shall not exceed \$2,000 US dollars. An additional \$500 allowed if needed for special circumstances. (see below suggestions). The final amount of monies, up to \$2,000, will be determined once the final sponsorship monies have been received.

Eligible exhibitors who receive sponsorship monies that exceed \$600 US dollars will be issued a 1099 form, as required by the Internal Revenue Service. . If sponsorship approved receipts are turned in you will not receive a 1099. Receipts must be submitted for reimbursement by December 15th of the year that the dog was exhibited.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

RESERVE – expensive flight - Flight cancelled – Weather delay - Necessary adjustment on plane ticket.

The sponsorship money may be limited for the distribution to Team USA members as requested by the donor regarding showing in the championship show the day before the country competition.

Additional sponsorship monies received after distributions are made to eligible exhibitors will be discussed and communicated by the Committee.

Sponsors may advertise on Team USA apparel based on a tiered system listed on the sponsorship form provided by the Team USA committee.



## CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of Team USA, whether an exhibitor or in a support role, it is important that we support one another and are united in our efforts to exhibit Bull Terriers that are representing the United States of America. If you have a conflict with another member, please consider discussing your concerns directly and privately with the person.

It is expected that every exhibitor of Team USA and/or member of the BTCA, shall behave in a manner that is respectful and is a reflection of the Bull Terrier Club of America members as a whole.

Members and/or parties of the Team shall not make disparaging remarks towards fellow exhibitors, committee members or BTCA members or Board.

Team USA members shall not make a profit on any of the benefits received as part of the team.

