

Bull Terrier Club of America
2025 Isis Vabo Trophy
October 30, 2025
Judge: David A. Alexander

I was fortunate in early 2025 to officiate at a ROM Specialty and award BOV to a young white dog who I subsequently noted from the catalog had not yet had his AKC championship confirmed by the AKC. He impressed me then as being something special and I was pleased to see during this judging that with maturity he had fulfilled his early promise. He has become an outstanding dog of great type and size, and I was pleased to reward him with the Isis Vabo Trophy for 2025.

Isis Vabo Trophy Winner

#225 Grace Thomas & Robert Thomas's **GCHB GRABO SUBTLE AS THUNDER G-ROM** (By Rabram Rock Star -- Grabo Bahama Moon)

What impresses me are his contours and proportion within a manageable size and without compromise to his masculinity. Added to this are excellent head qualities. They consist of keen, well-set eyes, and erect ears added to a head of good length and smooth in profile. His muzzle has good depth, and his bite is correct (both in occlusion and position of canines). He is structurally sound, and of a compact, cobby nature. He is balanced in outline with well set shoulders and just the right amount of rear angulation complemented by short hocks. He has strength and arch of neck, and a good topline although a little too rounded over the croup. His tail is well set on and carried, and his body is of proportionate width and depth. He is strong in pastern, with neat feet and just enough bone for his size. He moves cleanly both coming and going. He is a white dog carrying brindle over the left eye and on the right ear.

Given the qualifications necessary to compete in this competition it was very satisfying to see that the overall quality was outstanding and reflects well on the state of the breed. There were several strong competitors vying for the prize, but the white dog I rewarded ticks most of the boxes for what I consider to be essential qualities in a top bull terrier.