

## 2017 Boston Terrier of the Year Rules

1. **PURPOSE:** This event has been initiated to acknowledge the Boston Terriers that have made the greatest contribution to breed recognition in the previous calendar year.
2. **SUMMARY OF EVENT RULES:**
  - a. At least one owner of participating dog is required to be a BTCA member in good standing before invitations are sent.
  - b. It is the intent of this committee that this event be business/formal.
  - c. All committee members and director are eligible to participate in this event.
  - d. Invitations will be mailed out or before Jan. 31 prior to the nationals holding the event. All invitation R.S.V.P. must be sent back to the Director by the deadline indicated on the entry form. Late entries will be rejected and sent back.
3. **ELIGIBILITY/REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING EVENT:**
  - a. The event is invitation only.
  - b. To receive your invitation your dog/bitch must have been awarded at least one of the following;
    - i. Recognized as one of the top 20 recipients of AKC breed points in the previous calendar year, or
    - ii. Winner of a breed specialty within the previous calendar year, or
    - iii. Breed winner at the Westminster Kennel Club or the AKC National Championship in the previous calendar year, or
    - iv. Winner of an all-breed Best in Show in the previous calendar year
  - c. Required entry fee for this event is \$55.00. The fee is non-refundable.
  - d. To receive all prize money, one owner and one breeder must be a member in good standing with the BTCA.
4. **JUDGING QUALIFICATIONS:**
  - a. MULTIPLE-BREED JUDGE: must be licensed to judge at least one other breed in addition to Boston Terriers. In the event there is no multiple breed judge present a breeder judge may be selected from the Breeder Judge ballot box.
  - b. BREEDER JUDGE: must be AKC licensed to judge Boston terriers.
  - c. BREEDER: must be a member in good standing and breeder of Boston terriers for a minimum of 10 years documented experience.
  - d. PROFESSIONAL HANDLER: any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay. In the event no professional handlers are present a breeder may substitute for this category.
  - e. Judges names will be placed in an individual ballot box and one entry will be drawn from the box at the beginning of the event by the current president of the BTCA. All interested parties are encouraged to dress in the acceptable attire in the case they would be selected to judge.
  - f. Breeder, stud dog owner, and published or advertised agent and assistants, past or present, of any exhibiting dog is ineligible to judge. An assistant is defined as anyone employed by a professional handler on a full-time basis, or, assisting a professional handler at shows on a regular basis.
  - g. Once a person is a judge for the Boston Terrier of the Year, they are ineligible to judge the next three years. *Example: a judge in 2014 isn't eligible to judge again until 2018.*
5. **SEQUENCES OF JUDGING:**
  - a. All participants will be judged by each of 4 judges.
  - b. Each judge will have 100 points total to award, totaling 400 points for each participant.
  - c. Order will be determined ahead of the show randomly.
  - d. Judges will get a first look at the beginning of the event. All dogs will enter the ring and judges will get a chance to go down the line.
  - e. Two committee members that are not in participation will be delegated as scorekeepers.
  - f. Each judge will have their own steward to handle scorecards. All scorecards will be delivered to scorekeepers after

each dog is judged.

- g. The Boston terrier with the highest points close to 400 will be the "Boston Terrier of the Year." In the event of a tie, said Boston terrier would be asked to return to the center of the ring for a tiebreaker. All judges would select the winner by  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority.
- h. Second and first runner-up will be awarded before Boston terrier of the Year.

6. TROPHIES AND RIBBONS:

- a. The winners of this event will receive a commemorative rosette.
- b. All qualified participants will receive a commemorative medallion.
- c. Breeder of Boston terrier of the Year will receive a commemorative ribbon equal to that received by owner of event winner.
- d. It is the responsibility of the dog/bitch owner to pick up prizes. No prizes will be shipped.

7. DIVISION OF EVENT MONEYS:

- a. 50 percent of the moneys from entries will be allocated to the dog/bitch that is the winner of this event (70 percent to the owners and 30 percent to the breeder). At least one owner and one breeder must be a member of the BTCA. In the event that one party is not a member, those funds allocated to that party would be retained by the club for the next year's event.
- b. 30 percent of the moneys from the entries will be placed in an account to help fund the next year's "Boston Terrier of the Year" event.
- c. 20 percent of the moneys from the entries will be placed in general fund to help support the next year's national.

8. HEATH COMMITTEE BONUS PRIZE

- a. A bonus prize of \$100.00 to the winner of the Boston Terrier of the Year event if that winner has a current CHIC number by the closing of entries for Boston Terrier of the Year or has a BTCA Gold Health Certificate the year of eligibility.
- b. Also awarded will be bonus prizes of \$25.00 to each event participant with a current CHIC number.
- c. Bonus prizes will come from Health Committee funds.
- d. The criteria for this bonus prize are:
  - i. One Owner must be a BTCA member in good standing.
  - ii. CHIC will be defined as:
    - 1. CERF or OFA ECR test results submitted within the 12 months prior to entries closing.
    - 2. OFA patella results within 24 months prior to entries closing.
    - 3. BAER results once in the animal's lifetime prior to the closing of event entries.
  - iii. Both normal and abnormal results will qualify.

2017 Event Director: Jennifer Cook

2017 Event Committee Members: Sonya Baird, Maureen Blackwood, Loretta Dolan, Kelly Estes, Sharon Saberton, Elizabeth Wieland, Gwenn Weyandt, Doreen Brunning, Ken Roux, Debra Hartwig

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