

# **Boston Terrier Club of America National Futurity Stake Rules**

## **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the BTCA Futurity is to encourage the breeding of the best possible Boston terrier, reward diligent breeders for their efforts, recognize the owners for selecting the best quality puppies from responsible breeders, and reward the owners and breeders for raising and developing the inherited qualities of the puppy.

## **II. GENERAL**

- A.** Correct and timely nominations of both the litter and the individual puppy are required for stake eligibility.
- B.** Prize monies can only be won through competition at the BTCA National Futurity Stakes held in conjunction with the BTCA National Specialty.
- C.** Nomination forms may be secured from the Futurity Director.
- D.** Nomination and entry fees cannot be paid by credit card.
- E.** The Futurity Director and committee members are eligible to participate in Futurity Competition.

## **III. NOMINATION OF LITTER**

- A.** Nomination must be made by breeder or co-breeder. The person making the nomination must be a BTCA member.
- B.** Nomination must be made after breeding, but before puppies are whelped. The postmark on the entry envelope is the official date of nomination.
- C.** The fee to nominate the litter is \$25.00. There will be no refunds.
- D.** The nomination of a litter makes all puppies in the litter eligible for individual nomination.

## **IV. NOMINATION OF:**

### **A. PUPPY:**

- i.** Nomination must be made by the legal owner or co-owner of the puppy as of the date of nomination.
- ii.** Nomination must be made on or before four (4) months of age. The postmark on the envelope is the official date of nomination.
- iii.** The fee is \$20.00 for each puppy nominated. There will be no refunds.
- iv.** An entire litter may be individually nominated by the breeder before puppies are sold by paying fee for each puppy and supplying whelping date, name, sex, and color for each puppy. If neither litter registration number or individual registration number is available at the time of nomination, this must be supplied as soon as available and in no case later than nine weeks before the stakes judging.
- v.** Any changes in the identifying information which will be included in the Catalog must be received by the Futurity Director six (6) weeks prior to Futurity Judging. Failure to provide such information will result in disqualification.
- vi.** The sire of all puppies nominated must also be nominated for this event.

### **B. STUD DOG:**

- i.** All stud dogs must pay an annual nomination fee. The nomination is good for one year following the postmark date on the envelope and covers all litters sired by the dog during that year.

- ii. Fee is \$25.00 for each stud dog nominated.
- iii. Stud dog nomination fee must be paid prior to whelping of a litter.
- iv. At least one owner of the stud dog must be a member of the BTCA.

#### **V. REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER JUDGING**

- A. The puppy must be entered in one of the regular classes, either in conformation or obedience at the BTCA National Specialty Show. All entries must be paid in full.
- B. Futurity entry must be indicated as an additional class.
- C. Futurity entry must include age division (e.g., Futurity 6-9, etc.)
- D. Futurity Classes range in age from six months and up. The classes will be 6-9mo, 9-12mo, 12-15mo, and 15mo-up.
- E. Puppies are eligible only for the first Futurity Stake Show that is held in conjunction with the first BTCA Specialty Show held on or after the date the puppy reaches six (6) months of age.
- F. Individuals handling the dogs in Futurity Competition are limited to the breeder (or co-breeder), the owner (or co-owner), or members of their immediate families. Immediate family is defined as husband, wife, son, or daughter.
- G. In the event that a member has two or more eligible puppies to be shown in the same class, one puppy can be shown by an alternate person that is not a professional handler as defined by the AKC.

#### **VI. SELECTION OF JUDGES**

- A. Nomination of Futurity Judges will be limited to the participants in the Futurity.
- B. Each breeder who has submitted a Bitch Nomination (co-bred litters, one vote per bitch nomination by primary owner as recorded by AKC) will be given the opportunity to suggest two names of possible judges on each bitch/litter nomination form.
- C. When it is determined that no more nominations may be made for that year's futurity event, the Futurity Director will send a ballot with the top six possible judge's names to each breeder who nominated a litter.
- D. Each breeder will receive one ballot for every three litters nominated with no breeder submitting more than 2 ballots. Each ballot will be placed in a sealed envelope by the breeder and mailed to the Futurity Director. Each nominee will be contacted verbally and must submit in writing their acceptance as a possible candidate within 10 days of verbal contact. All confirmed nominees may submit entries for competition in this event. However, the winners of Judge Draw will be required to withdraw their entries and will be refunded their money. Futurity judges may not exhibit on day(s) they judge. Per AKC Rules, Futurity judges are allowed to exhibit the day before and the day after the event they judge. A multi-day specialty is considered one event, and the restriction will apply for the duration of the event.

#### **VII. CLASS DIVISIONS**

- A. Stake is divided into four age divisions; 6-9mo, 9-12mo, 12-15mo, and 15mo-up.
- B. Each age group is then divided by sex.
- C. Four placements are made in the judging of each class.

#### **VIII. SEQUENCE OF JUDGING**

- A. Judging sequence will be Dogs divided by age division, Bitches divided by age division,

- B. Best Puppy and Best of Opposite Sex Puppy are selected from the 6-9mo and 9-12mo class winners.
- C. Best Junior and Best of Opposite Sex Junior are selected from the 12-15mo and 15-19mo class winners.
- D. The Best Puppy and the Best Junior compete for Grand Prize Futurity Winner. If the Best of Opposite Sex Puppy and Best of Opposite Sex Junior are of the same sex, they shall compete for the Best of Opposite Sex to the Grand Prize Futurity Winner. If they are different sexes, the dog or bitch that was awarded Best of Opposite Sex to the Division Winner (who is now the Grand Prize Futurity Winner) shall re-enter the ring to compete with the remaining Division Winner (of his or her own sex) for Best of Opposite Sex to the Grand Prize Futurity Winner.

## **IX. DIVISION OF FUTURITY STAKE MONEYS**

### **A. GENERAL**

- i. 30% to operating expense fund. In the event there is any remaining funds; All left over funds will be submitted to the Challenge Trophy Award fund
- ii. 70% to be divided equally between the puppy and junior stakes.

### **B. DIVISION OF INDIVIDUAL STAKE MONEYS (PUPPY AND JUNIOR)**

- i. 80% to placements in the eight classes, , with
  - A. 40% going to first place,
  - B. 30% to second place,
  - C. 20% to third place, and
  - D. 10% to fourth place.
- ii. 7% to be divided equally between the Best Puppy and Best Junior with 3.5% going to each.
- iii. 3% to be divided equally between the Reserve Puppy and Reserve Junior with 1.5% going to each.
- iv. 10% to Best in Futurity Stakes.

## **X. DIVISION OF PRIZE MONEY**

- A. At least one breeder, one owner and one stud dog owner must be members of the BTCA at the time of the event for eligibility to receive prize money.
  - i. 40% to Breeder.
  - ii. 30% to Owner.
  - iii. 30% to Stud dog owner.

## **XI. TROPHIES AND RIBBONS**

- A. A trophy and rosette will be provided for Best Puppy, Best Junior, and the Best in Futurity winner from the Futurity operating funds.
- B. Other trophies and rosettes may be awarded at the discretion of the National Specialty Futurity Committee.
- C. Ribbons will be awarded for each placement.

## **XII. RECORDS**

It is recommended that those who have made entries in the Futurity Stakes have copies of all pertinent information regarding acceptance of nominations, name changes, etc., available at time of judging.

### **XIII. SUMMARY OF MAJOR RULES:**

1. Litter must be nominated before litter is whelped.
2. Puppy must be nominated on or before puppy reaches four (4) months of age.
3. Stud dog must be nominated
4. Futurity is an additional class at the National Specialty, and the entry must so indicate.
5. All information on entry form must be consistent with what was supplied to the Futurity Director
6. Entry is open to all legally eligible dogs.
7. The postmark on the entry envelope is the official date of nomination.

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#### **SPECIAL FUTURITY AWARD CURRENTLY OFFERED**

\_\_\_\_\_ had generously donated \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Futurity as a Futurity Challenge Award. This money shall be awarded to the first person who owns the Grand Prize Futurity Winner in three Futurities. The Futurities need not be consecutive.

**Additionally, a Best of Opposite Sex to the Grand Prize Futurity Winner will be awarded. (effective 2009).**

Until the Futurity Challenge Award is awarded, the money shall remain in the BTCA bank account. Until the Futurity Challenge Award is awarded, all interest accrued on that amount shall be awarded annually to the winner of the Futurity Best of Opposite Sex and the Grand Prize Futurity Winner. The interest is divided 50/50.