# **BHCA FUTURITY**



How do I become involved in Futurity?

### **FUTURITY STAKES**

#### PURPOSE:

• The purpose of the BHCA Futurity Stakes is to recognize and reward breeders for their efforts in the breeding of better Basset Hounds through carefully planned breeding programs and the evaluation of puppies.

# **ELIGIBILITY**

- Open to ALL breeders, co-breeders, and the F/M Secretary. All breeders and co-breeders MUST be members of the BHCA at the time the bitch is nominated.
- Open to eligible bitches that will whelp on or after April 1 of the year prior to that in which the stake will be held.

#### Example:

A bitch that whelps between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018, will be nominated for the 2018 Futurity.

# WHO IS NOT ELIGIBILE?

- Any individual or members of their immediate family who is accepting entries.
- Any individual judging any BHCA National event held in conjunction with the BHCA National Specialty.
- Members of the immediate family or household of the person elected to judge.

#### STEP 1

- Nominate bitch before litter is whelped. Complete Nomination Form A and submit to the Futurity Secretary with \$15 nomination fee.
- A <u>four</u> generation pedigree must accompany the nomination.

 A \$10 Late Fee will be assessed if bitch is not nominated prior to whelping.

#### STEP 2

- Nominate litter before they are 1 month (30 days) old. Complete Litter Nomination Form B, submit to Futurity Secretary with \$15 nomination fee.
- A 30 day grace period with a \$10 Late Fee will be assessed.

#### STEP 3

- First Individual Puppy Nomination before puppy turns 3 months old. Complete form, and submit form to Futurity Secretary with nomination fee of \$5 per puppy.
- There is a 30 day grace period with a \$10 Late Fee Assessed.

#### STEP 4

- Second Individual Puppy Nomination before the puppy turns 6 months old. Complete form, submit to Futurity Secretary with nomination fee of \$5 per puppy.
- There is a 30 day grace period with a \$10 Late Fee Assessed.

#### STEP 5

- Complete the Third and Final Nomination form for each puppy you will keep nominated through this Futurity year.
- Submit the form and \$5 per puppy to the Futurity Secretary NLT July 1 of the Futurity Year.

THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD FOR THIS FINAL NOMINATION!!!

## **DUAL SIRE LITTERS**

- Follow the same steps except there will be two litter nomination forms, one for each potential sire.
- Must notify Futurity Secretary after DNA results are received.
- If puppies are from one sire, the nomination fee from the dog not being the sire will be refunded.
- If appropriate DNA Testing has not identified the sire(s) by the time the individual puppy nomination is due, include both assigned futurity numbers on the form.

### FOUR CLASSES FOR EACH SEX

#### CLASS I

For puppies whelped in January, February or March of the year of the Futurity.

#### CLASS II

For puppies whelped in October, November or December of the preceding year of the Futurity.

#### CLASS III

For puppies whelped in July, August and September of the preceding year of the Futurity.

#### CLASS IV

For puppies whelped in April, May and June of the preceding year of the Futurity.

## JUDGE NOMINATION/SELECTION

- Open to all BHCA Members
- Nominations and voting will be by Futurity participants only.
- Each nominating breeder may nominate three individuals to Judge. A nominating breeder can nominate one time, even if they have more than one litter nominated.
- Top three nominated individuals will then be voted on by nominating breeders only.