

CHALLENGE TROPHY GUIDELINES

PURPOSE:

These guidelines provide the framework for establishing and/or replacing a Challenge Trophy.

GENERAL:

Challenge trophies are presented through the Basset Hound Club of America (BHCA), by its members, to honor or memorialize its members and hounds. The offering shall be limited to BHCA members. This premise may serve to encourage interest in belonging to BHCA. Management of challenge trophies is an obligatory responsibility of the club. Thus, the retirement of challenge trophies should be attainable within a reasonable amount of time.

PROCEDURE:

Making a Proposal for a Challenge Trophy

- A. Challenge Trophy proposals shall be received from any individual BHCA member, group of individual BHCA members or BHCA member club(s).
- B. Challenge Trophy proposals shall be received by the BHCA board of directors only at one of its regularly scheduled meeting.
- C. Proposals shall name and support the merits of the individual to be honored or memorialized.
- D. Proposal shall contain a complete and detailed description of the trophy including size, value and protective reusable shipping crate.
- E. Proposal shall outline the condition of offering and requirements for retirement. These guidelines should be followed:
 1. A challenge trophy shall be offered only at the BHCA fall national specialty and only in a competition discipline offered in association with the fall national specialty.
 2. The proposal shall limit the offering to BHCA members only.
 3. The challenge trophy shall be offered for retirement into permanent possession.
 4. The same owner(s) or co-owner(s), not necessarily with identical ownership, shall be required for retirement.
 5. Three wins, not necessarily with the same dog or at consecutive shows, shall be required for retirement of the trophy into permanent possession. Notification of potential retirement of a challenge trophy must be received within 9 months of the win that qualifies the individual to retire the trophy

Merit of Cause

The Basset Hound Club of America challenge trophies shall honor or memorialize a member or members of BHCA. A Basset Hound may be honored or memorialized with a challenge trophy as long as its breeder(s) and owner(s) are members of the **BHCA** and the Basset Hound has achieved at least one of the national competition achievements outlined in eligibility requirements.

Eligibility requirements for members or their hounds:

- 1) It is recommended members should be those who have been honored with 25-year membership pins or Life Membership. AND
- 2) Members must be known to a significant number of the membership through contributions of service to the BHCA as an officer or director, editor of the *Tally-Ho*, or appointments to standing committees.
- 3) Honored hounds must have been owned and bred by BHCA member(s) and the hounds' achievements much include at least one of the following: BHCA National Fall Specialty Conformation Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Best of Breed, or Best of Opposite Sex; Obedience High in Trial; Agility High in Trial; Field Trial Open Dog, Open Bitch or Absolute winner; BHCA top producer; or have achieved the title Champion Tracker, for which one of the three required tracking titles was earned at a BHCA fall national tracking event. It is recommended that honored hounds have exceptional merits beyond the basic requirements listed here.

Appropriate Value

The acceptable value of a proposed challenge trophy is subject to review by the BHCA board of directors. Beginning with the adoption of these standing rule guidelines, the suggested minimum required value of the trophy alone is \$1,000. Special consideration will be given to unique works of art. Additional financial responsibility for a substantial re-usable shipping container to protect the trophy throughout the trophy's offering at the BHCA fall nationals will also rest with the donor(s).

Ownership of Challenge Trophy

The challenge trophy shall be considered a donation to BHCA. Once approved and accepted, the challenge trophy becomes property of the Basset Hound Club of America, Inc. The board of directors of the BHCA shall have full control over the offering and disposition of all challenge trophies accepted under these guidelines. In the case of disputed retirement, the BHCA board of directors shall take possession of the disputed trophy and render a final decision on the disposition of the trophy prior to the date of what would be the next scheduled annual offering of the trophy. All BHCA challenge trophies awarded at the BHCA's fall nationals events will remain in the BHCA's possession by the Club until retired.

RECORD KEEPING

1. Notification of an individual eligibility to retire the challenge trophy shall be the responsibility of the Trophy Chairman. Verification of the retirement of a challenge trophy shall be sent to the BHCA's board of directors within 6 months of the last offering.
2. A contract will be made available to those recipients who choose to take possession of the challenge trophy. Once signed, the contract will be sent to the following year's trophy chair.

Replacement or Repair of Damaged Trophy or Shipping Container is the responsibility of the BHCA.

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