

GUIDELINES FOR OFFERING A PERPETUAL TROPHY

PURPOSE

Perpetual trophies are presented through BHCA by its members to memorialize its members and hounds. Thus the offerings shall be limited to BHCA members. Such offerings may serve to encourage interest in belonging to BHCA and to provide meaningful pieces of history to further enhance wins at BHCA Nationals competitions. Management of perpetual trophies is an obligatory responsibility of the BHCA.

MAKING A PROPOSAL

- 1) Perpetual trophy proposals shall be received from any individual BHCA member, group of individual BHCA members or BHCA member club(s).
- 2) Perpetual trophy proposals shall be received by the BHCA Board of Directors at any time either through postal mail, email or a presentation at a scheduled meeting of the Board.
- 3) Proposals shall include the following guidelines pertaining to the offering of perpetual trophies through the Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.:
 - a) The proposal shall name and support the merits of the individual to be memorialized.
 - b) The proposal shall contain a complete and detailed description of the trophy, including size, value of trophy, additional "keeper" mementos and a protective reusable shipping case.
 - c) The proposal shall outline the conditions of offering as follows:
 - (1) A perpetual trophy shall be offered only at the BHCA fall national specialty and only in a competition discipline offered in association with the national specialty.
 - (2) The proposal shall limit the offering to BHCA members only.
 - (3) The BHCA through its Nationals Trophy Chair will oversee and pay for engraving of the winner(s) names to be attached to the trophy.

MERIT OF CAUSE

Basset Hound Club of America perpetual trophies shall memorialize a member or members of BHCA. BHCA is an organization made up of Basset Hound fanciers as opposed to hounds. A Basset Hound may be memorialized with a perpetual trophy as long as its breeder(s) and owner(s) are members of the Basset Hound Club of America, the Board of Directors accepts the proposal and the Basset Hound has achieved at least one of the national competition achievements outlined in eligibility requirements.

Eligibility requirements for memorialized members or their hounds:

- 1) It is recommended that members should be members honored with 25-year membership pins or Life Membership.
- 2) Members must be known to a significant number of the membership through contributions of service to the Basset Hound Club of America 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 must include at least one of the following: BHCA Nationals fall specialty conformation Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Best of Breed, or Best of Opposite Sex winner; obedience High in Trial; agility High in Trial; field trial Open Dog, Open Bitch or Absolute winner; BHCA top producer honor; or

Champion Tracker, for which one of the three required tracking titles was earned at a BHCA fall national tracking test. It is recommended that honored hounds have exceptional merits beyond the basic requirements listed here.

APPROPRIATE VALUE

The acceptable value of a proposed perpetual 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. "Keeper" mementos of the perpetual trophy will be supplied by the original perpetual trophy donor(s). Additional financial responsibility for a substantial reusable 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 PERPETUAL TROPHY

A perpetual trophy shall be considered a donation to BHCA. Once approved and accepted, a perpetual trophy and all (10) initially donated yearly "keeper" mementos become the property of the Basset Hound Club of America, Inc. The Board of Directors of the Basset Hound Club of America shall have full control over the offering and disposition of all perpetual trophies.

Should the BHCA find it necessary to retire an offering (for whatever reason), the Basset Hound Club of America Board of Directors shall make 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.

REPLACEMENT OF TROPHY OR SHIPPING CONTAINER

Replacement of a lost or stolen perpetual trophy will be at the discretion of the BHCA Board of Directors. Any damaged trophy shall be repaired, should it be financially feasible and appropriate, by the BHCA unless prior agreed-upon arrangements are made with the Board of Directors. All BHCA perpetual trophies remain in the possession of the club.

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