

**Boston Terrier Club of America**  
**“Boston Terrier of the Year”**

**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. Owner (s) of participants are required to be a member of the BTCA.**

**B. It is the intent of this committee that this event be semi-formal.**

**C. All committee members and director are eligible to participate in this event.**

**D. Invitations will be mailed out on or before January 31<sup>st</sup> prior to the nationals holding the event. All invitation R.S.V.P. must be sent back to the Director by February 28<sup>th</sup>. Late entries will be rejected and sent back.**

**3) ELIGIBILITY/REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING EVENT:**

**A. this event is by invitation only.**

**B. to receive your invitation your dog/bitch must have been awarded at least one of the following;**

**1) must be recognized as one of the top twenty recipients of breed points in the previous calendar year, or**

**2) must have won a breed specialty with in the calendar fiscal year ( January 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup> ), or**

**3) must have won breed at the Westminster Kennel Club or the Eukanuba\* Invitational in the previous calendar year.**

**C. the required entry fee for this event is \$50.00. The fee is non-refundable.**

**D. owner, breeder, and stud dog owner must be a member in good standing with the BTCA.**

**4) JUDGING QUALIFICATIONS:**

**A. CATEGORY #1 MULTI-BREED JUDGE: must be licensed to judge at least one other breed in addition to Boston Terriers. In the event there is no Multi-Breed judge present a breeder judge may be selected from the Breeder Judge ballot box.**

**B. CATEGORY #2 BREEDER JUDGE:** must be AKC licensed to judge Boston Terriers.

**C. CATEGORY #3 BREEDER:** must be a breeder of Boston Terriers for a minimum of 10 years documented experience.

**D. CATEGORY #4 PROFESSIONAL HANDLER:** must be a handler that charges a fee for services and handles multiple breeds including Boston Terriers. 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. Dogs owned by the judges for this event can not participate in this event but may participate in other BTCA regular and non-regular events.**

**F. Once a person is a judge for the Boston Terrier of the Year, they are ineligible to judge for 3 years.**

**5) SEQUENCES OF JUDGING:**

**A. All participants will be judged by each of 4 judges.**

**B. Each judge will have a total of 100 points to award totaling 400 points for each participant.**

**C. Each judge will have 5 minutes to examine each participant before moving to the next participant.**

**D. 2 committee members that are not in participation will be delegated as score keepers.**

**E. all score cards will be collected after each dog is judged.**

**F. The dog/ bitch with the highest points close to 400 will be the “Boston Terrier of the Year”. In the event of a tie, said dog/bitch would be asked to return to the center of the ring for a tie breaker. All 4 judges would select the winner by  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority.**

**6) TROPHIES AND RIBBONS:**

**A. The winner of this event will receive a commemorative rosette/ ribbon color to be determined by Event Committee.**

**B. All qualified participants will receive a commemorative medallion.**

**C. Breeder of event winner 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 or make arrangements to do so. No prizes will be shipped.**

**7) DIVISION OF EVENT MONEYS:**

**A. 50% of the moneys from entries will be allocated to the dog/bitch that is the winner of this event (60% to the owners and 40% to the breeder).**

**At least one party 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% 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% of the moneys from the entries will be placed in general fund to help support the next year's National.**

**8) NEW BONUS PRIZE:**

**A. Starting in 2012, the BTCA Health Committee will initiate a pilot program awarding 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.**

**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:**

**1. One Owner must be a BTCA member in good standing.**

**2. CHIC will be defined as:**

**i. CERF test results submitted within the 12 months prior to entries closing.**

**ii. OFA patella results within 24 months prior to entries closing.**

**iii. BAER results once in the animal's lifetime prior to the closing of event entries.**

**3. CHIC information should be submitted by the owners with entries.**

**4. Both normal and abnormal results will qualify.**

**9) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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